

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor R Williams

Ward: Pencoed and Penprysg

Party: Welsh Labour

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending May 2023. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose. The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and do not necessarily reflect the views of Bridgend County Borough Council.

Role & Responsibilities

I was elected to Bridgend County Borough Council in 2008, 2012 and 2022. I have undertaken several roles within the Council, being appointed to three committees, attending 37 Committee and Council meetings.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 23 constituent issues with the Council, plus other informal issues brought to my attention.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended some 42 member development activities which have assisted me to ensure that my knowledge of national and local issues affecting the Council and my ward is maintained.

Constituency Activity

I have attended meetings relating to the replacement of Penprysg railway bridge and antisocial behavior in the area. I have also attended 21st Century Schools meetings with a view to replacing Pencoed Comprehensive School.

I have attended meetings concerning the rugby pitches, the facilities and the Rugby Club.

I have forged strong links with the Coychurch Higher Community Council in order to improve public services in the village, and have attended some monthly meetings.

Issues discussed included poor bus services, lack of safe travel routes and broken fences, (some of which have now been replaced). Japanese Knotweed on Bridgend County Borough Council land was also highlighted.

I have also liaised with Pencoed Town Council, of which I am a member. Some Bridgend County Borough Council issues have been passed to me by the Town Clerk.

I have attended surgeries organised by the MP and MS in order to assist in the resolution of local issues.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I have attended two Cenin presentations regarding the construction of a wind farm and solar facility at Heolycyw/Bryncethin. I have listened to the residents about their concerns of such a large project in their vicinity.

I have discussed improvements to a children's play area with residents. The play area is not owned /managed by any council.

I have answered a number of queries relating to the laying of new internet cabling throughout the ward and the problems that have arisen.

Other Activities/Issues

I carry out walks throughout the ward in order to note any issues requiring a referral to be made and have discussions/telephone calls to ascertain the needs of the community.

Parking issues in relation to Pencoed Primary School have been mentioned by a number of residents, particularly those in close proximity to the school. This is quite an emotive subject.

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Date: 30th June 2023