

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Freya Bletsoe

Ward: Oldcastle Ward

Party: Independent

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending 30th April 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 to represent Oldcastle Ward on 5th May 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year including being appointed to several committees, including being appointed as Chair of Scrutiny and Overview Committee 2 (Social Services).

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 103 constituent queries through the Council Members referral system plus other issues raised with external organisations. This is in addition to informally addressing a number of other issues which you have asked me to help you resolve.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended a number of 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.

Further information of my attendance and work in committees and Full Council can be found by using this link. [Councillor Freya Bletsoe](#)

Constituency Activity

I have consistently worked to bring disabled accessibility to our playparks in the area, for both children and carers. I have support public realm improvements in social housing estates in our area and have represented the public at PEDW planning appeals. I have supported residents in the following areas:- ASB, Road Safety, education, waste enforcement, highways maintenance and SRS enforcement plus others

Initiatives and Special Activities

I have been encouraging active travel around the area and have taken on an ambassadorial role with a national company to encourage and improve active travel around our town. I have also taken the lead on wildflower initiatives around the town as well as implementing a “non-digital” initiative in our ward to ensure there this is no disenfranchisement for residents who do not engage on the digital platforms, this is through new notice boards and newsletters.

Other Activities/Issues

I have become a school governor at Heronsbridge School. I have remained as a Bridgend Town Councillor for Oldcastle and became Madam Mayor of Bridgend Town. In my role as Madam Mayor I have implemented a working group to address the lack of a town plan and vision from the Town Council, this involves working with numerous stakeholders to ensure a clear vision and voice for Bridgend Town Centre. I have also consistently liaised with all partners who cover Oldcastle Ward to ensure that there is a ongoing commitment to safety for all residents

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Date: 30th June 2023