

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor A J Williams**

**Ward: Coity Higher**

**Party: Bridgend County  
Independents**

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending 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 **Coity Higher** on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year including being appointed to several committees.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 98 constituent queries with the Council as well as to other organisations and a large number to developers. 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, including a Leadership Course provided by WLGA, 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 [roles, responsibilities and activities](#) can be found by using this link.

## **Constituency Activity**

Apart from submitting referrals via BCBC, I also attend monthly meetings with Persimmon and have a working spreadsheet of issues that I raise continuously with them. I also submit referrals to Llanmoor and Taylor Wimpey. I meet regularly with the local PCSO to discuss issues.

I deal with a large number of social media enquiries as well as emails, telephone calls and face to face meetings with residents.

I also liaise with the hospital and prison over any issues.

I have been working with others to push for a footpath on Heol Spencer, the lowering of the speed limit over the common, pushing for the park to be completed on Trem y Castell, working with Persimmon to take over their parks and sports pitch, meeting with officers to create safe walking routes, working to progress the extension to Coety Primary School, working with residents to improve road safety in Hendre, working with developers who want to bring shops and employment to Coity Higher, reviewing planning applications and supporting residents and local business with their plans as well as much more.

## **Initiatives and Special Activities**

Over the past 12 months I was the BCBC representative on the board of Bridgend Care and Repair as well as a member of the Community Health Council before it became Llais. I am now a community member of Llais. I have attended wards at the Princess of Wales Hospital and Glanrhyd as well as local area meetings. I am a BCBC representative on Cwm Taf Morgannwg's Stakeholder Reference Group and attend monthly meetings. I have also been a representative on the Equalities and Corporate Parenting committees.

As group leader of Bridgend County Independents, I attend group leader meetings, meet monthly with the Chief Executive and attend numerous other meetings/working groups as a representative of my group.

I'm a Community Councillor on Coity Higher Community Council and a member of the asset transfer working group meeting with BCBC and other groups such as FAW with the view to transferring the parks/sports pitches in Coity Higher as well as the community centre.

I have been working with Ramblers Cymru on paths to wellbeing and helped plant 400 trees in Coity as well as wildflowers.

I have also helped organise street parties for the community for the Coronation and the Queen's Jubilee.

#### **Other Activities/Issues**

I'm an LEA governor for Coety Primary School and Brynteg Comprehensive and Chair of Governors at Coety. I attend Coety regularly supporting the children. I've also contacted Litchard Primary School with an offer of support.

I've supported numerous community/sports groups in fundraisers such as cooking burgers in rugby tournaments and I organise Jam in the Castle every year to raise funds for local good causes.

Following the War in Ukraine I welcomed a family from Ukraine into my home for 6 months until they were able to move on and I have supported Ukrainian refugees by fundraising for Christmas gifts.

**Councillor A J Williams:**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023**