

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor Alan Wathan**

**Ward: Coity Higher**

**Party: Bridgend County  
Independents**

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 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:

Appeals Panel  
Governance and Audit Committee  
Scrutiny Committee 2  
Cabinet Equalities Committee  
Corporate Parenting Committee

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised a number of constituent queries with the Council and other organisations. This is in addition to informally addressing 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.

I have visited and spoken to local organisations to introduce myself and to find out their roles and responsibilities and to ensure that we have a working relationship going forward

With other ward councillors I have assisted in supporting the residents of Coity Higher on a number of issues and these have been formally raised with Bridgend County Borough Council and other organisations such as V2C

Further information of my **roles, responsibilities and activities** can be found by using this link:

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## **Constituency Activity**

I have submitted referrals to Bridgend County Borough Council on behalf of residents addressing their concerns about issues within the wards, thereby highlighting these matters and enabling them to be rectified with other ward councillors.

I also attend meetings with Persimmon at Parc Derwen, we have a working spreadsheet of issues raised by residents which we work through together on a monthly basis.

Regular meetings are conducted with the local PCSO to address concerns raised by residents. I also receive emails, telephone calls and where necessary have face to face meetings with local residents to discuss any issues they may have.

With other ward councillors we have been working to have a footpath installed on Heol Spencer and also to lower the speed limit over the common.

I am also a community councillor on Coity Higher Community Council and for the past year have been the Chair of the council and we have been investigating the possibility of asset transfers in relation to the Coity higher community centre, Litchard playing fields and Great Western Avenue playing fields. Having meetings with Bridgend County Borough Council officers and other organisations to enable this project to go ahead.

I have also been involved with Ramblers Cymru and with other councillors planting 400 trees in Coity and wildflowers.

In my role as Chair of the community council I presented wildflower seeds and key fobs to children at Coity Primary school and Litchard Primary school in celebration of the Kings coronation and also attended other events during the year on behalf of the community council.

### **Other Activities/Issues**

I am also a Community councillor on Bridgend Town Council and during the past year I have been involved in and attended many events conducted by the Town Council such as Remembrance Sunday and also the setting up of the new town hall at Sunnyside.

On Bridgend County Borough Council, I am a member of the Armed Forces Steering Group and Forum looking after the interests of Armed Forces veterans living within the Bridgend County Borough.

**Councillor Alan Wathan:**

**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**