

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor T J Thomas**

**Ward: St Brides Minor  
and Ynysawdre**

**Party: Independent / 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 St Brides Minor and Ynysawdre 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 numerous constituent queries with the Council and other 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 roles, responsibilities and activities can be found by using this link:

[Councillor Tim Thomas](#)

## **Constituency Activity**

Aside from submitting referrals with BCBC, I am a regular attendee of the monthly PACT meetings for the Sarn community, I attend 'Cuppa with a Copper' events and I attend patrols with members of the local police force and housing officers from Valleys to Coast.

I deal with many social media enquiries as well as emails, telephone calls and face to face meetings with residents. I also liaise with a local homelessness shelter to communicate any concerns that the local community may have.

I have recently chaired two very well attended public meetings on a proposed hydrogen plant, held meetings regarding the community asset transfer of Pandy Park and assist in a monthly litter picking group on the Tynycoed estate in Sarn.

I have been campaigning with residents over parking issues at local schools, road safety issues on the A4061 and A4065, issues with anti-social behaviour, supporting the

maintenance of Sarn and Brynmenyn Common, homelessness and housing concerns as well as working with officers to improve the safety and provision of local playing parks. Finally, I have supported residents with 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 have been chair of the Budget Research and Evaluation Panel (BREP) as well as the Democratic Services Committee, which has also included two working groups looking at the members referral system and the council's constitution.

I'm a Community Councillor on both St Brides Minor Community Council and Ynysawdre Community Council. I am also a member of the Tondu and Aberkenfig Community Association, which looks at ways that residents can improve the area.

I have supported the local football club on several projects including finding grants for junior football and for adult football for the Tondu Robins. I also supported Aberkenfig Boys and Girls Club access grant funding for projects they were pursuing.

I have been working with the Wildlife Trust on several projects to improve green spaces in the community as well as similar projects held by the community council to improve the regeneration of public spaces.

I have also been liaising with Barratt Homes on several issues within the Tyn yr Coed estate while the area is waiting to be adopted by the authority.

### **Other Activities/Issues**

I'm an LEA governor for Brynmenyn Primary School and Coleg Cymundol Yr Dderwen and have attended several school performances and events.

I supported the community council in a St David's Day concert, where we gave free entry to elderly people from local care homes. I have also implemented a new facility for the community council to act on petitions, a five-year regeneration strategy and improved administrative procedures.

I have also supported social housing providers in regeneration projects which tenants have been engaged in including providing new benches and green spaces.

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**Date: 17/06/2023**