

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor ELP Caparros

**Ward: Brackla East and
Coychurch Lower**

Party: Welsh Labour

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 Brackla East and Coychurch Lower on 5th 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 77 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 work on subcommittees - Town and Community Council Forum, Coychurch Crematorium, Appeals Panel and Scrutiny can be found by using this link:

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Constituency Activity

Residents have raised many important issues on a variety of subjects. The most frequent are regarding highways and green spaces. It has been pleasing to see many of our issues from potholes to replacement signage being remedied quickly and to a good quality by BCBC teams. I look forward to the resurfacing of Meadow Close and repairs to lighting in Coychurch. The resurfacing of the Crematorium / Brackla Way roundabout was very welcome, there is still a lot to do and I will continue to push for our ward to be maintained to the high standards residents deserve.

On green spaces we have seen the benefits of Fox Fields planting as the wildflower's beds thrive; new gravel has been laid on the pathway from Brackla Way to Brackla Hill making it easier for residents to access and enjoy the green space. We hope to make further improvements over the coming years.

The sub-committees I have been appointed to have given me insight into some of the wide range of services Bridgend receives from the council and the hard work and dedication of council staff. We are grateful for all they do for our community.

Initiatives and Special Activities

In December my ward colleague Simon Griffiths and I held a public meeting in the community centre to update residents on the introduction of 20MPH speed limits and “Singleton’s” junction. We have been working hard for this junction to get the recognition and investment it needs to make it safer for users, we are pleased that officers are taking the issue on board.

On speed limits residents were able to participate in the online consultation, I hope the proposals to make areas safer around schools and apply some exceptions to the speed limit change met with residents’ approval.

Other Activities/Issues

In addition to my work in BCBC I was fortunate to also be elected to both Brackla and Coychurch Community Councils. It is great to work with our community councillors, officers and residents who are all passionate about local issues and work extremely hard to make this a better place to live.

Councillor: Eugene Caparros

Date: 19.06.23