

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Norah Clarke

**Ward: Nottage
Porthcawl**

Party: Independent

(Democratic Alliance)

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **April 30th 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 re-elected to Bridgend County Borough Council to represent the Ward of Nottage on May 5th 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year including being a member of the following committees, Overview & Scrutiny Committee 3, Development Control, Coastal Partnership and Council.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues. 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 (training sessions) which has ensured that I am aware of national and local issues affecting the Council and which in turn may affect my ward. I have also helped members that were new colleagues as from May 2022 with advice on a host of differing issues.

Constituency Activity

The Village of Nottage is a conservation area and it's important to make sure that development or changes are in keeping with the conservation area whilst at the same time very importantly balancing the needs of the residents of the village who wish to make changes to their properties. I have worked closely with the council conservation officer and residents on a number of issues to ensure the best outcome for all.

I am pleased to have helped a number of residents on a variety of issues. Some of which are listed below:-

- Leylandii trees that were causing problems. I managed to secure an amicable outcome to what had been a long-standing problem. Initially contacting the owner of the property in Australia.
- A large number of pot-holes that have appeared around the ward.
- Travellers at Rest Bay.
- Numerous recycling problems.
- Problems with blocked drains on roadside.

- Uneven paving causing trips and falls.
- Lighting & fly tipping issues.
- Planning issues.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I was contacted in March by a lady from Aberystwyth who had just sadly lost her son and was referred to me by Porthcawl Town Council to assist with the placement of a beach wheelchair.

On a visit to Rest Bay her son was unable to access the beach and thought how wonderful it would be to have a beach wheelchair available for the less able. There is a beach wheelchair available at Rest Bay, but his family were not aware.

His brother and mother set about raising funds for a beach wheelchair which included his brother completing the Welsh Marathon and beating the Guinness World Record also raising much needed funding. After running the Marathon enough funds were then available to purchase the wheelchair.

It has been a challenge to finally secure a location for the wheelchair which has kindly been offered and provided by Parkdean Resorts. (There isn't enough storage for another wheelchair at Rest Bay due to the space required).

The beach wheelchair has been placed at Trecco Bay and was used the very next day.

I am delighted to say that there will be a presentation of the beach wheelchair on Sunday July 2nd 2023 at Trecco Bay to which I have been invited.

Other Activities/Issues

I continue to volunteer within Porthcawl being Secretary of Porthcawl RNLI Fundraising and Events Group. I am also a volunteer fundraiser for Guide Dogs Cymru as well as a boarder of Guide Dog Puppies and I also support Porthcawl Veterans.

Councillor N. Clarke

Date: 17th June 2023