

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor R. J. Collins

Ward: Maesteg West

Party: Labour

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending May 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 Maesteg West 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 a number 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 duties on the Development Control Committee and Licensing Committee can be found by using this link:

[Councillor Richard Collins](#)

Constituency Activity

I have supported a number of my constituents who have issues related to housing, additional needs/adaptations to their accommodation and issues with private landlords.

As a Maesteg member I am keen to support improvements at Maesteg Cemetery after being approached by a number of my constituents.

I am a lifelong supporter of the Community Hospital at Maesteg and I am committed to its long term future under the governance of Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council.

I am a Local Authority Governor at Plasnewydd Primary School and as a former pupil of this school take great interest in its future development.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I am interested in all aspects of our community and realise how vitally important connectivity with community hubs, meeting spaces and physical wellbeing are to members of my ward.

I support members of Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park and I am a keen supporter of our local Ukrainian support group Safe Haven, Maesteg.

I am Chairman of a local charity and help organise respite breaks for deserving families (adults and children) including special needs children and their families, bereaved families etc.

I am also a Community Governor at St Mary and St Patricks Junior School having had a long family association with the school.

Other Activities/Issues

For the past two years I have undertaken the re-painting of benches at Maesteg Welfare Park and this year have helped my fellow town councillors plant containers outside the Sports Centre.

Finally, I have been a member of our local Town Council at Maesteg, standing as a town councillor for Maesteg West, for the past eleven years.

Councillor R. J. Collins

Date: 3rd July 2023.