

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor C. Davies

Ward: Caerau

Party: Llynfi Independents

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **30 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 Caerau on 5th May 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council during 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 over 100 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.

Constituency Activity

One of the issues that I dealt with was on behalf of a resident of V2C. Their home had been in a poor state of repair for over four years due to damp, water ingress through the windows and poor plumbing causing leaks. By providing photographs and videos, with the tenant's agreement to V2C, I managed to get all these issues rectified. As a result I now work more closely with V2C attending a number of their meetings and site visits.

I have met with a number of residents of Caerau whose homes have been affected by the Arbed scheme and have attended meetings with the Residents Liaison Service.

I have attended and taken active part in the consultation meetings, Healthy Futures Maesteg, organised by the Cwm Taf Health Board on the redevelopment of Maesteg Community Hospital.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I am Chairman of Caerau Men's Shed and have been involved in making a number of planters at our workshop for local schools and Maesteg Welfare Park as well as working

as a volunteer on the community allotments there and also assisting the Friends of Maesteg Park in their annual Easter Egg Hunt.

At Christmas time I helped organise and attended the Santa's Sleigh Ride throughout Maesteg and the Llynfi Valley on two evenings as well as organising a Santa's Grotto at the Caerau Men's Shed Workshop for the children. I ensured that fresh Christmas trees were provided free to a number of local primary schools by the Men's Shed as well as visits from Santa.

Other Activities/Issues

As an ex-miner myself I am Chair of Llynfi Valley Ex-miners Association, whose 36 members meet fortnightly, and as a trustee of Nantyffyllon Miners Institute I attend regular meetings to ensure that the building is being put to use for the benefit of the local community. I have also given talks in local schools about Coal Mining and communities.

I am a trustee of Maesteg Safe Haven, who look after the displaced Ukrainians living in the Llynfi Valley.

As Chairman, I help organise and regularly attend the weekly Caerau Men's Shed meetings in Dyffryn Chapel, which now has over fifty members.

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