

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor M.J Evans

Ward: Pencoed and Penprysg

Party: Welsh 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 Pencoed and Penprysg on 5th May 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year including being appointed to several committees. They are:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1
Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3
Cabinet Committee Equalities
Town and Community Council Forum.

I am also a representative for an outside body: - Coity Wallia Board of Conservators.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 34 constituent queries with the Council and other organisations. This is in addition to informally addressing several other issues which you have asked me to help you resolve.

Quality will always take president over quantity, and I am delighted that the outcomes of the queries raised have resulted in actions taken and completed making a tangible difference to the Community.

These include resurfacing roads, dropped kerbs, replacement benches, delivery of recycling materials etc. to name only a few.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended numerous Member Development Activities which has assisted me to ensure that my knowledge of national and local issues affecting the Council and my ward is maintained.

Further information can be found by using this link:

[Councillor Melanie Evans](#)

Constituency Activity

I continue to build professional effective working relationships with all residents, businesses, relevant bodies and organisations and I have enjoyed participating and

contributing to numerous debates, discussions, meetings, resident surgeries and walkabouts throughout the Town.

Some examples of the most relevant and emotive topics during my first year I have debated, contributed and engaged with have been: -

The replacement of Penprysg Railway Bridge. (Ongoing).

Parking issues throughout the Town. (Ongoing).

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. (Ongoing through Safer Streets.)

Sports club pitches, provisions and facilities. (Ongoing.)

Educational Transport and Facilities. (Ongoing 21st Century Schools or now known as sustainable communities for learning.)

Improvements to play areas.

I have forged strong links with Coychurch higher Community Council and attend when available their monthly meetings.

This has given me the opportunity to listen engage and discuss issues ref bus services, active travel links, safety and highway concerns.

Initiatives and Special Activities.

I am a Community Governor for Croesty Primary and Pencoed Comprehensive Schools.

I have been a member of Pencoed Town Council since 2017.

I attended 2 Cenin presentations regarding the proposal for the construction of a wind farm and solar facility at Heol-y-cyw/Bryncethin.

I have taken the opportunity to visit, participate and engage with Rockwool, Valleys to Coast, and Glanffrwd care home during their engagement days.

As a result of building professional working relationships, I now meet on a regular basis with reps from Police and other relevant bodies/organisations via Safer Streets.

These meetings have resulted in actions and interventions being put into place i.e.: -

Another CCTV camera placed in a relevant location in Town.

A leaflet drop to assist residents on how to report Crime /ASB.

Free self-defence lessons for women and girls (aged 16 plus) every Tuesday from 25/04/23 to 16/05/23.

Other Activities/Issues

I carry out regular walks throughout the Town to ascertain any concerns / issues that require a referral.

I also continue to have discussions / emails / telephone calls to listen and address the needs of the community.

Councillor M.J Evans (Melanie Jayne Evans):

Date: 29/06/23