

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor R Goode

Ward: Nantymoel

Party: Welsh Labour & Co-operative Party

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 Nantymoel on May 5th 2022. I was also appointed to a position within the Cabinet in May 2022, as the Cabinet Member for Future Generations (I have since changed portfolios in May 2023 to Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning and Regeneration).

My cabinet portfolio had responsibility for (amongst others):

- Housing and Homelessness
- Leisure and Culture
- Equalities
- Shared Regulatory Service
- Customer Service, Democratic Service and Legal/Registrar Services

I served on the following boards/committees (amongst others):

- Cabinet Committee for Equalities (Chair)
- Cabinet Corporate Parenting Committee
- Shared Regulatory Service Joint Committee (Vice Chair)
- Awen Advisory Board
- Halo Advisory Board
- Swansea Bay Port Health Authority

I have attended all council and cabinet meetings, as well as several scrutiny meetings and above committee meetings as required. My formal attendance rate was 94%, as I had to miss a meeting of the Cabinet Corporate Parenting Committee, apologies were given at the time.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 130 constituent queries/requests with the Council and other organisations. This is in addition to informally addressing many other issues which you have asked me to help you resolve.

I also attended and completed the WLGA Leadership Course to improve my performance as your councillor and to better understand how to work with different stakeholders, organisations and communities.

For further information on my activities, including my declarations of interest and voting record can be [found here](#).

Constituency Activity

I have worked closely with many volunteer groups, community organisations and residents over the last year to develop plans and help find new opportunities for our local area and economy.

I have held regular ward surgeries as well as an open community meeting in February to give people the opportunity to share their hopes and ambitions for the Ogmore Valley with me.

Following the sad death of Ken Davies, I have taken over as the Chair of the Mem Community Centre & Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club.

I am also a member of the Ogmore Valley Community Council.

I often attend the Food Pantry in the Mem on Thursday mornings along with other organisations to give residents' a 'one stop shop' for support and information.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I am currently working closely with residents to develop plans to turn a former play park in the Cwm into a community garden to provide learning opportunities and play space for the children of the area.

I have pushed as a local member for a regeneration plan to be put in place for the valleys of Bridgend, which has been successful, and work has now begun on creating the plan which I hope will do much to improve the lives of everyone living in the Ogmore Valley.

Other Activities/Issues

I have been a governor of Nantymoel Primary School since November 2022.

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Date: 28/06/2023