

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Martyn Jones

Ward: Garw Valley

Party: Welsh Labour

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 the Garw Valley in May 2022. I was previously the elected member for Bettws which due to a Welsh Government electoral boundary change was immersed into the Garw Valley.

Therefore, along with two other members we support residents in seven communities across the whole of the Garw Valley. We continue to support residents in a variety of issues from situations of homelessness to general dissatisfaction with public services.

To enable me to fulfil my role as a Garw Valley 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 Bridgend County Borough Council are up to date and relevant.

Contact information can be found on the Bridgend County Borough Council website:

[Councillor Martyn Jones](#)

Constituency Activity

I have made myself visible and accessible to constituents by utilising social media facilities, community walkabouts, attending regular community group meetings which include local litter-picks and school and community based events. Constituency activity also includes membership of the Garw Valley Community Council and School Governing body.

Initiatives and Special Activities

In 2014 I set out a community based development plan for Bettws that aimed to improve educational facilities for local school children, improved youth facilities, wider access to public transport links which included improved bus shelters and upgrade of the Bettws Life Centre .After a partnership approach undertaken with key partners that include Bridgend Country Borough Council, Awen, Garw Valley Community Council, Girls and Boys Club of Wales and local Registered Social Landlords we have been able to secure substantial capital investment for the community which is evident in the new and refurbished community buildings in the village. We still have work to do in relation to securing sustainable youth provision although this is part of our ongoing vision to deliver the 2014 community plan.

Other Activities/Issues

In 2022 I was elected the Mayor of the County Borough of Bridgend and I currently undertake the role and responsibility of being the Armed Forces Champion for the Country Borough of Bridgend

Councillor Martyn Jones, JP

Date: 30th June 2023