

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Martin Hughes

Ward: Maesteg East

Party: Welsh Labour

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending 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 Maesteg East on 5th May 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year including being appointed to four committees. My attendance record of all council and committee meetings is 37 out of 37 (100%).

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 252 constituent and / or ward queries with the Council. I have also taken up issues on behalf of constituents with other organisations, mainly Valleys to Coast Housing Association. This is in addition to assisting with about 30 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 range 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.

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Constituency Activity

I have attended 4 surgeries jointly with the local MPs and MSs and hold a weekly “walk of the ward”- normally on a Friday morning – and making sure that I regularly visit all streets in the ward.

I distributed a leaflet to every door in the ward in October 2022 which included information about how constituents can get in touch with me and outlining the key issues which I might be able to help with.

I spend much of my free time in and around the town of Maesteg and I am always prepared to discuss any issues of concern which you might wish to raise with me.

I have a dedicated mobile phone number so that residents can contact me at all times. I regularly post on my councillor’s Facebook page, which provides an effective way to publicise Council services locally and to encourage feedback and dialogue. I started the page shortly after being elected, and I now have more than 300 followers. This also allows for residents to message me if my assistance is required.

<https://www.facebook.com/martin4maestegast/>

I have taken a teamwork approach to local issues and am in regular contact with colleagues serving on Maesteg Town Council.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I am keenly interested in ensuring that the renovation works to Maesteg Town Hall are completed to a high standard as soon as possible.

I am closely involved in land reclamation schemes in Maesteg, especially at the former Maesteg East Washery site. In the Autumn of 2022, I liaised closely with local residents and the Council to ensure that information about the site investigation works was communicated to all interested parties, and I look forward to promoting an improvement scheme which would improve the recreational and visual amenity of this part of our countryside.

I have been chasing progress on the development of a new community route for the Llynfi Valley

My attention has recently turned to tackling the problem of derelict properties in the ward, including those colonies of abandoned garages which blight our local environment.

Other Activities/Issues

I have met with local PCSO's and have regularly reviewed issues of concern with them.

I am a Governor of Plasnewydd and Garth Primary Schools.

I represent the Council on South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority, having recently been appointed as Vice Chair to the Scrutiny Committee.

I will continue to attend all relevant local stakeholder events, including the local health board's meetings to develop health services in the Llynfi Valley as part of the Maesteg Hospital redevelopment.

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