

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor I M Spiller

**Ward: Bryntirion &
Laleston with Merthyr
Mawr**

Group: Bridgend County Independents

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 Bryntirion & Laleston with Merthyr Mawr on 5th May 2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council 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 numerous 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:

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Constituency Activity

On becoming elected one of my first tasks was to scrutinise the adoption of Bridgend's replacement Local Development Plan (LDP). The additional housing within that plan is causing significant concerns with my community. During meetings with both the developer of the circus field and with the local authority I highlighted concerns over additional traffic, pressure on secondary school places, provision of play and community facilities, and convalescing of communities, highlighting the importance to protect the unique identity of Laleston village.

One of my key objectives has been to oversee the improvement of the A48 between Ewenny roundabout and Broadlands. The LDP meetings with officers were extremely productive with a willingness to listen to the concerns. Part of the future developments within the replacement LDP identified the need for extending the active travel route from Broadlands to Ewenny roundabout, introducing a number of safe crossing points at

Merthyr Mawr road junctions, Pandy Farm and Broadlands roundabout to attempt to prevent future tragic accidents, and improving the Broadlands junction to reduce traffic congestion and improve traffic flow onto the A48 in peak times.

The improvement of hedgerow management, road surfaces and litter have featured heavily in my referrals to date.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I am also a community councillor on Laleston Community council, as chair I have been proud to oversee investment in our street scene with additional litter bins, benches and planters being ordered to improve the visual displays with our community. We have also invested in upgrading the festive lighting cross the community council area.

In Bryntirion we have taken the exciting step of instructing a masterplan for the future play provision at Bryntirion playing fields, looking to provide a skate park and dedicated green areas, focusing on the protection of the fields as a community asset for future generations.

We are currently working on an exciting project to enhance and protect the historic well in Laleston, instructing Phil Cope to investigate opportunities and interest in our heritage.

As a community council we have opened discussions with Persimmon Homes to attempt to bring to an end the stalemate of unadopted areas in Broadlands, and with their approval have begun installing much needed litter bins and benches on their land for the residents on the western side of Broadlands.

Other Activities/Issues

2022 marked the return of the Broadlands Fun Day after two years of interruption due to COVID19. When we founded the fun day in 2012 our vision was to create an affordable family day out bringing our community together. In 2022 local businesses, along with Laleston Community Council came together to provide our biggest and best day out for families in our community so far.

Maes Yr Haul school once again became home to fairground rides, falconry and animal displays, climbing equipment, local craft and produce stalls. 2022 also marked our first mini-science festival with STEM subjects and podium talks.

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