BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Ward: Caerau

Councillor C. Davies

Party: Llynfi Independents

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **30 April 2024.** 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 **Caerau** 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 over 100 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: Councillor Chris Davies

Constituency Activity

I continue to work closely with V2C and Hafod Housing on behalf of their residents regarding issues of damp, repairs and services.

I am also still involved with the residents of Caerau whose homes were affected by the Arbed scheme.

I have been involved with the problems regarding Blaencaerau play area, which had to be closed as it was found to be unsafe, and I provided some picnic benches so that the area outside could be used for children's activity.

I was also involved with the consultation process of the refurbishment of the play area in Nantyffyllon.

Initiatives and Special Activities

As chairman of Caerau Men Shed I have been involved in getting funding for a community garden next to their workshop, which will be easily accessible to all, including children from local schools.

Once again, I helped organise and attended the santa's sleigh ride throughout Maesteg and the Llynfi Valley on two evenings in December, as well as organising a santa's grotto at the Caerau Men Shed workshop for the children.

Fresh Christmas trees were also provided free to a number of local primary schools by the Menshed.

Other Activities/Issues

I continue to be the Chair of Llynfi Valley Ex-Miners Association, whose 36 members meet fortnightly.

As a trustee of Nantyffyllon Miners Institute I attend regular meetings to ensure that the building is being put to use for the benefit of the local community.

As Deputy Mayor of Maesteg, I represented the town council at a number of local events.

I continue to be a trustee of Maesteg Safe Haven, who look after the displaced Ukrainians living in the Llynfi Valley.

As Chairman, I help organise and regularly attend the weekly Caerau Men Shed meetings in Dyffryn Chapel, which now has over fifty members.

Councillor: C. Davies Date: 16.06.24