

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor John C. Spanswick

**Ward: Brackla West
Central**

Party: Welsh Labour

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending March 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 the whole Brackla ward in May 1999 along with 3 other Labour Councillors. At the most recent local elections in May 2022, the Boundary Commission changed the makeup of wards across the County Borough which resulted in Brackla being divided into a number of wards and I now represent the Brackla West Central ward and not the whole of Brackla.

I became a member of the cabinet in May 2022 as the Cabinet Member for Communities with a portfolio covering areas such as waste, street cleansing, parks, cemeteries, planning, countryside, biodiversity, climate change, transportation, and highways.

I have supported residents on a variety of issues and continued to raise constituent queries with the Council and other organisations. This is in addition to addressing a number of other community wide issues which I have been asked to try and resolve.

Further information of my roles, responsibilities and activities can be found by using this link:

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Constituency Activity

I have not arranged any ward surgeries over the past year as I tend to find that residents would prefer to make direct contact via the telephone, email and increasingly social media but prepared to consider undertaking surgeries in the future should the demand arise.

I was also elected to Brackla Community Council in May 2022 for the Brackla West ward and have undertaken this role since 1992. I

I have made myself available throughout Brackla working with my fellow ward Councillors representing the other wards of Brackla.

I have regularly driven and walked around Brackla making note of any issues that need addressing and promptly submitted them as a referral to BCBC for action as appropriate.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I have continued to help out with Brackla Fun Day which is fully funded by Brackla Community Council and have been actively involved in them since the first one took place in 1998.

Along with this I continue to discuss with the Community Council on options to look at taking on maintenance responsibilities for some of our green spaces.

I have been actively engaged in ensuring that Brackla has new and refurbished play facilities across the ward along with a new skate park. This has taken much longer than anticipated but it is envisaged that works will commence soon.

In addition, I have continued to work with officers on a scheme to provide an accessible pathway at Brackla Hill open space.

Other Activities/Issues

I have met with developers who are responsible for some of the private parking areas within Brackla and have managed to get them to accept responsibility for at least 3 areas and will continue this work to try and get more of these areas maintained.

I have attended several meetings with Wales & West Housing Association to help develop community relationships and work in partnership with them on initiatives and activities.

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Date: 27th June 2024