

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor R Malcolm James

Ward: Llangynwyd and Cwmfelin

Party: Plaid Cymru

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **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 Llangynwyd and Cwmfelin again on 5th May 2022, for my third term. 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 77 constituent formal queries with the Council and many with other organisations. This is in addition to informally addressing a number of other issues which I have been asked 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 R M James](#).

Constituency Activity

I continue to be a governor at the Welsh comprehensive school, Ysgol Gyfan Cymraeg Llangynwyd, who have just received an excellent Estyn rating, the highest possible and one of only 3 schools in Wales, so the hard work of the headmaster, all the staff and governors over the past years is now starting to pay off.

I'm also a governor of Llangynwyd infant and junior school and thoroughly enjoy my involvement there with the head, teachers, and pupils, especially on St David's day.

I continue to sit on the Taxi Licencing ctte and spend much of my time working on constituents' queries, especially at the moment with finances, housing issues and of course the pothole issue that we are all facing with our poor road surfaces.

I also support Llangynwyd Community Council on some issues.

I undertake Rota visits with a colleague to BCBC run and supported homes and places of special needs which I feel should be a mandatory duty for all elected members so they can understand the good work that is undertaken, and the diverse issues faced.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I have been involved with the initial windfarm planning objections for Bryn and the Afan Valley, I know many local people feel strongly about this.

I will continue to fight for tidal power which I feel as an island is the better solution. I also continue to work closely with our MS Luke Fletcher to improve our local community and continue to try and balance the injustices within our areas, the Valley must not be forgotten.

Other Activities/Issues

I'm a committee member of a local rugby club, where you will find me at the gate each Saturday (Maesteg Quins) encouraging community based sport has always been one of my aims and seeing how well the club has developed without any major funding other than from supporters and players is a great pleasure.

I am also now vice president of the Llynfi Valley Angling Association which helps give youngsters (a very cheap licence fee for under 16's -£5) and access to more outdoor activities.

Councillor Malcolm James- RM James :

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