# **BCBC Councillor's Annual Report**

Ward: Caerau

### **Councillor Paul Davies**

Party: Labour

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **30**<sup>th</sup> **of 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 for a second term to Bridgend County Borough Council to represent the Caerau Ward in May 2022.

I was appointed chair of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 this term.

I was also a member of the following committees:

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Budget Research Evaluation Panel.

Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2.

Margam and Coity Joint Crematorium Committees.

Cardiff City Deal Scrutiny Committee.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised many 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.: <u>Councillor P Davies</u>

# **Constituency Activity**

I have made many referrals to Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) on behalf of my constituents (too many to mention on this document) most of which were successfully resolved. I post before and after photographs of referrals made on my Councillor Facebook page.

I hold regular surgeries usually in the community centre on Woodlands Terrace on the first Saturday of the month 10.00 am until 12 noon. I also carry out street surgeries when I walk the ward.

## **Initiatives and Special Activities**

I am currently working with my colleagues in the Caerau Ward to secure funding to improve the play park in Blaencaerau Estate, this is multi-agency including Maesteg Town Council, Invest Local Caerau, and Valleys to Coast who are currently the owners of the park.

This park is on the verge of being transferred over to Maesteg Town Council and will be refurbished for the residents of the Blaencaerau area.

#### Other Activities/Issues

I attend many outside meetings apart from those at BCBC, I am a volunteer for one of our local charities, Caerau Development Trust (CDT) and I also travel to Culverhouse Cross every Thursday and Saturday evenings to collect food from Tesco and M&S for the trust.

I also attend Invest Local Caerau meetings (ILC) on behalf of CDT where we have secured over £50,000 funding to install a commercial kitchen to run a community café £30k solar panels to make the centre a sustainable resource for the community of Caerau £20 and we also secured 10K for a new van to carry out collections for the trust, this money came from the Llynfi Avan Windfarm community fund. CDT can now provide meals and a community shop, targeted, but not exclusively to the most disadvantaged members of the community.

I have also been a member of Maesteg Town Council since 2014.

I am also a member of the Llynfi Afan Windfarm committee which is responsible for the distribution of £14,000 to the community of Caerau annually for the next 24 years.

Councillor Paul Davies: Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2024