

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor Paula Ford**

**Ward: St. Brides Minor & Ynysawdre**

**Party: Welsh Labour**

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **May 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 St. Brides Minor and Ynysawdre on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 2022. Since being elected I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council including being appointed to several committees.

I am a member of Town & Community Council Forum, Subject Overview & Scrutiny 2 committee, Democratic Services committee and Coity Wallia Board of Conservators. This is in addition to the monthly full Council meetings.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised a substantial number of 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.

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## **Constituency Activity**

I have submitted casework / referrals. I have assisted with a wide range of issues, not all that fell within the powers or remit of Bridgend County Borough Council, but regardless of this I responded to help resolve issues wherever possible.

On many occasions, I assisted residents directly and/or signposted quickly to other sources of support without the need of the formal BCBC referral process. For example: supporting residents to access benefit information, advice and practical support, such as directing to food banks/pantries, Citizens Advice, Care and repairs, V2C and other housing associations and other local expert agencies.

I have held local face-to-face surgeries and made my home address and telephone number available to actively engage and listen to resident's views and concerns and I am pleased to support and receive support from Chris Elmore, Labour MP for Bridgend & Porthcawl and Huw Irranca-Davies Senedd Member.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

I have supported a local resident who required major adaptation to the property to maintain independence following a serious illness. I have helped residents complete blue badge applications as well as taking them to civic offices to sort out issues in person when necessary.

I have resolved issues for V2C residents who had on going issues with repairs and maintenance.

I support the campaign groups to prevent the building of the Hybont plant in Bryncethin and the transport hub on Bryncoch Common.

I regularly walk around the ward, speaking to residents and reporting issues I come across and check work has been carried out that had previously been reported.

I have met with the Leader of the Council at two local play areas to discuss the refurbishment of these parks which will be carried out in the near future.

I support as many local events as possible, donating raffle prizes and assistance when needed. I also patronise as many local businesses where possible.

### **Other Activities/Issues**

I attend regular PACT meeting, along with the local PCSO's and officers from V2C, working together to support and improve the local area.

I have attended meetings with Ynysawdre Elderly Residents Association, supporting them with issues arising in their community.

I am accessible to residents via 1-2-1 surgeries, phone, text, post, email, Facebook direct messaging and WhatsApp. I also maintain a social media presence which keeps the community up to date on local, regional and national policy, news and events. I support and promote local businesses wherever possible and maintain a good visible presence in the area.

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**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024