

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Huw David

**Ward: Pyle, Kenfig Hill
and Cefn Cribwr**

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

Since 2016 I served as Leader of the Council but I did not seek re-election at the 2024 AGM. I was first elected to Bridgend County Borough Council to represent Cefn Cribwr on 2004, since 2022 I have represented Pyle, Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribwr together with Cllr Jane Gebbie and Cllr Mike Kearn. We work closely together, and held regular monthly advice surgeries at Pyle Church Hall, Kenfig Hill RFC and Cefn Cribwr Community Centre.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 534 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:

[Cllr Huw David](#)

Constituency Activity

Together with Cllr Gebbie and Cllr Kearn we have supported the expansion of the free flying start provision to all families in Pyle, Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribwr.

We have worked towards the refurbishment of the two refurbishment of the children's play areas in Mynydd Bach Common and Cae Gof Playing Fields, both in Cefn Cribwr.

I led on regular meetings with Natural Resources Wales to progress the opening of the new purpose-built community recycling centre in Pyle at Village Farm Industrial Estate.

The frequency of youth clubs was increased with an additional weekly session held on at Cynffig Comprehensive School to meet need, the new mobile youth facility was also regularly sited at Pyle Life Centre.

In partnership with the club, council funding was secured to support Kenfig Hill RFC to install vital improvements to their pitch at Croft Goch Playing Fields, enable greater use of the facility.

We have supported the council's progress on the proposed development of a brand-new replacement of Mynydd Cynffig Primary School on one site.

Pil Primary has received Welsh Government forest schools funding to create an outdoor forest school to boost children's wellbeing at the school.

A green space enhancement project has made improvements at Bedford Park in Cefn Cribwr and Frog Pond Wood in Pyle.

Initiatives and Special Activities

As leader together with Cabinet colleagues including Cllr Gebbie we worked on the re-location of Bridgend indoor market to a new location following the sudden closure of the market hall due to a re-assessment of the RAAC.

Preparatory work began to make way for a new state of the art town centre college campus in Bridgend town centre.

Major progress was made on the redevelopment and extension of the historic Maesteg Town Hall. Site marketing is underway of the derelict Ewenny Road industrial estate in Maesteg to develop a new community.

The redevelopment of Porthcawl's Grand Pavilion progressed following a successful application by the council in partnership with Awen Cultural Trust for a £18million UK government grant. A new food store has opened, works on the new sea defences on the Eastern Promenade and the Eastern Breakwater were completed. Work started on site on a new Metrolink.

A new childcare hub offering residential support and provision for vulnerable children with complex needs has opened.

Further progress has been made on the 21st century schools modernisation programme with plans for two new replacement primary schools in Cornelly, an extended replacement for Ysgol Bro Ogwr in Brackla and a new larger replacement for Heronsbridge Special School.

Other Activities/Issues

We have supported the development and success of the Pyle family breakfast.

We have attended advice surgeries held by Chris Elmore MP and Sarah Murphy MS.

I am a member of Cefn Cribwr Community Council and we also regularly report to Pyle Community Council.

As chair of Cefn Cribwr Community Association for over 20 years, I am part of the voluntary committee that manages Cefn's community centre.

As a founding member and chair of Cefn Cribwr Gardening Club I have supported activities and events like Open Gardens.

As a committee member of a Cefn Gwyrdd I also volunteer at other community events.

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