

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Martyn Jones JP

Ward: Garw Valley

Party: Labour

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **July 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 Garw Valley in May 2022. 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 numerous constituent queries with the Council and other organisations such as National Resources Wales, South Wales Police and the housing association V2c. 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:

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Constituency Activity

The 'Ward Merger' as recommended and implemented by Welsh Government is presenting many geographical challenges. Three Councillors now cover an area from City Road Bettws south of the Ward to the Carn Blaengarw which is located in the north of the Ward. The communities of Shwt, Bettws, Llangeinor, Lluest, Pont-y-rhyl, Pontycymmer and Blaengarw all form part of this area of responsibility. Despite these challenges residents are supported with general enquires by way of, for example, home visits and community meetings.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I have met representatives from many sports clubs within the valley offering advice and guidance on how they can develop their facilities especially within the BCBC Community Asset Transfer policy. Two clubs at Bettws and Llangeinor have benefitted from significant public investment and are now well placed to expand opportunities for all age

groups. This included achieving match funding agreements with the Garw Valley Community Council.

I continue to support four Primary Schools as a member of the Governing Body. The Garw Valley Primary School Federation goes from strength to strength and only recently appointed a new Strategic Lead Head Teacher. I remain firmly committed to supporting the Federation to ensure all primary aged children in the valley receive the best education.

Other Activities/Issues

My role as the Chair of the Interim Executive Board at Ogmores Vale Primary School is now coming to an end. The school is now out of Estyn special measures and a new Shadow Governing Body is in place to support the school moving forward.

In May 2024 I was appointed Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Services.

Councillor Martyn Jones

Date: 1st August 2024