

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor D M Hughes**

**Ward: Ogmore Vale**

## **Party: Independent**

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 have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year including being appointed to several committees. I have sat on the Development Control Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committees 1 and 2 (Education and Social Services) and Cabinet Committee Equalities along with meetings of Full Council.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 112 constituent queries with the council and other organisations. This is in addition to informally addressing several other issues which residents have asked me to help resolve.

To enable me to fulfil my role, I have attended 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 Della Hughes](#)

### **Constituency Activity**

I have continued to strengthen links with local groups and organisations.

Communication with residents is key and I have held regular drop-in sessions at OVLC and Ogmore Vale Bowls Club, produced a newsletter and kept people informed through social media.

I have worked and continue to work closely with Better Buses for the Ogmore Valley regarding bus services.

The environmental group Ogmore Valley Priide work extremely hard in our valley, and I have liaised with BCBC regarding many environmental matters.

I have been appointed as an LEA Governor at Ogmores Vale Primary School and I am Vice-Chair. I am looking forward to being part of the newly formed Governing Body and continuing to support the school on their school improvement journey.

I have attended many local events.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

During the past year I have been discussing the regeneration of the Park Avenue area with interested parties and look forward to seeing the area improved for future generations.

I have extended an invitation to attend my drop-in sessions to the Community Councillors who represent the Ogmores Vale ward, in order that residents can speak to both their Ogmores Vale Community Council and BCBC representatives.

### **Other Activities/Issues**

Last November (after a few months of hard work) I, along with some other members of the community, opened the 'Community Drop and Shop' at Ogwy Street, Nantymoel.

This idea was brought to me by residents following some reduce, reuse and recycle projects at the school and a very successful 'Coat Swap'.

The aim is to reduce waste and provide low-cost items locally. The shop is well supported by the community and has 12 volunteers from across the Ogmores Valley area.

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**Date: 25/07/2024**