

# 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 2025. 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 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, and kept people informed through social media.

I am visible in the community and happily meet residents in their homes.

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 am an LEA Governor at Ogmore Vale Primary School. I am looking forward to continuing to work with the newly formed Governing Body to support the school on their school improvement journey.

I have attended many local events: the school, History Society, Choir, Bowls Club to name a few.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

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

We have lovely new tennis courts and the plans for a MUGA have come to fruition.

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

### **Other Activities/Issues**

The Community Drop and Shop has continued to be a success. The aim is to reduce waste and provide low-cost items locally. We were in the fortunate position this year to be able to donate some of our profits locally, in line with our aims and objectives.

The CIC regulator permitted donations to Baobab Bach CIC and Ogmore Valley Priide. Ogmore Valley Priide shared the donation with Keep Nantymoel Tidy and Blackmill Bravos so the whole of the valley benefitted.

The shop is well supported by the community and has 12 volunteers from across the Ogmore Valley area.

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**Date: 25/07/2024**