

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor GC Haines

Ward: Aberkenfig

Party: Labour

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 was elected to Bridgend County Borough Council to represent Aberkenfig & Coytrahe on 7th March 2024. 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. 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 Gary Haines](#)

- Communities, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Formerly Subject Overview & Scrutiny Committee 3)
- Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Council
- Development Control Committee
- Social Services, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Formerly Subject Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2)

Constituency Activity

I frequently walk through areas of my ward, speaking with residents and monitoring the physical environment, which enables me to take prompt action on issues like blocked drains, potholes etc.

I hold monthly advice surgeries in both Coytrahe and Aberkenfig. I also hold regular street surgeries, knocking doors, engaging with residents and issuing my contact details. This aligns with my pledges to be open, accessible, and available for all my constituents.

Initiatives and Special Activities

During the past year I have worked hard to get major road works carried out in Aberkenfig. The resurfacing works in Pandy Rd (near to the Police Station) and the stretch of road by the car park on the way to the library has been completed and was much needed. Some of the potholes dated from before my election!

After Storm Darragh the stretch of old road leading to the motorway bridge was completely blocked. After representations from myself, this popular walkway was cleared and cleaned up after two days of hard work from BCBC employees, using some major pieces of machinery.

In Coytrahen, earlier this year, I was visited by several constituents at one of my advice surgeries, who had received letters stating that the Home to School Transport was being withdrawn from them. I immediately acted, including walking the routes to the local schools and noting the various issues associated with them. I spoke with officers and various colleagues, advocating strongly on my constituent's behalf. I was happy to be able to report that Home to School Transport was reinstated for them.

Other Activities/Issues

I have also supported several community activities in both Aberkenfig and Coytrahen.

Every Friday morning you can see me volunteering at the weekly Food Pantry, managed by Baobab Bach at Ty Morfa, in Aberkenfig. This much needed service provides large bags of tins, fresh food, as well as frozen items and bread for just £5. It's a busy morning and much appreciated by everyone who attends.

Every Monday morning from 11am to 1pm you can also find me at Coytrahen Community Centre at the Tea & Comfort sessions. A large group that meet every week to chat, have quizzes, play games and are visited by various organisations who give talks. We also organise trips to various places. Of course, tea (or coffee) biscuits and cake feature heavily!

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