

# BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

**Councillor M.J Evans**

**Ward: Pencoed and Penprysg**

## **Party: Welsh 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 Pencoed and Penprysg on 05/05/2022. I have undertaken a variety of roles within the Council this year by being on several committees including: -

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1, Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3, Cabinet Committee Equalities and Town and Community Council Forum.

I am also a rep for an outside body: - Coity Wallia board of conservators.

In May 2024 I was promoted to Cabinet member resources (Job share) where I took on extra responsibility as follows: -

Cabinet.

Cabinet Committee Corporate Parenting.

Bridgend and Maesteg Citizens Advice Bureau.

Consortium of Local Authorities in Wales. (CLAW)

Joint Council for Wales.

Welsh Local Government Association Council.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised 20 constituent queries with the Council and other organisations and 3 OTRS queries. This is in addition to informally addressing several other issues which you have asked me to help you resolve.

Quality will always take president over quantity to drive deliverance.

To enable me to fulfil my role as your representative, I have attended numerous Member Development Activities and training sessions which has assisted me to ensure that my knowledge of national and local issues affecting the Council, and my ward is maintained.

I recently played an integral role by participating in a panel for the appointment of the new Chief Exec for Bridgend and other officer appointments.

I have built professional effective working relationships with MPs / MS / BCBC officers / members and contributed to the Corporate Plan.

### **Constituency Activity**

I continue to build professional effective working relationships with all residents, business, relevant bodies and organisations and have enjoyed participating and contributing to numerous debates, consultations, discussions, meetings, resident surgeries and walkabouts throughout the Town.

Some examples of the most relevant and emotive topics I have debated, contributed and engaged with have been: -

The replacement of Penprysg Railway Bridge. (Ongoing). Recently participated in the Consultation ref the Regional Transport plan

Parking issues throughout the Town. (Ongoing).

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour. (Ongoing through Safer Streets.)

Sports club pitches, provisions and facilities. (Ongoing.)

Youth provisions (Ongoing)

Educational Transport and Facilities. (Sustainable Communities for Learning)

Town and Community Council Boundary Review.

Time to talk Budget. (Everything to do with Budget.)

Improvements to play areas and two upgrades of play Parks Beechwood Heol Ewenny Pencoed and Pencoed Recreation Ground Felindre Road Pencoed.

I have links with Coychurch higher Community Council and attend when available their monthly meetings.

This has given me the opportunity to listen engage and discuss issues of concern.

I have participated in the consultation ref Boundary Review for Town and Community Councils, expressing concerns and providing some suggestions/ solutions.

### **Initiatives and Special Activities.**

I am a Community Governor for Croesty Primary and Pencoed Comprehensive Schools.

A member of Pencoed Town Council since 2017.

Friend of Salem

A member of Unite the Trade Union.

I meet with reps from Police and other relevant bodies/organisations via Safer Streets.

As a result of building professional working relationships via Safer Streets actions and interventions have been put into place i.e. extra CCTV camera placed in relevant location in Town.

I have taken the opportunity to visit, participate and engage with our RSL's i.e Valleys to Coast our Youth Club in Pencoed and many other relative bodies and organisations.

Delivering free Christmas meals on Christmas eve within the community of which has been extremely successful due to the generous donations of local businesses, grant funding and the time given by residents and members.

### **Other Activities/Issues**

I carry out regular walks throughout the Town to ascertain any concerns / issues that require a referral.

I also continue to welcome having discussions / emails / phone calls from my constituents / relative bodies and organisations to listen and address the needs most prominent to them and within the community.

I have held surgeries at Pencoed Library for residents to come and have a chat and raise their concerns over a cupper.

I participated in resident surgeries in my role as a Pencoed Town Councillor.

Councillor M.J Evans (Melanie Jayne Evans):

Date: 06/07/25