

BCBC Councillor's Annual Report

Councillor Paul Davies

Ward: Caerau

Party: Labour

This report identifies my key activities during the year ending **30th of April 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 for a second term to Bridgend County Borough Council to represent the Caerau Ward in May 2022. I was appointed chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 in May 2022 and this term ended when I was appointed to the position of Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment in May 2024, I was re-appointed to Cabinet for the year 2025/26.

As Cabinet Member I attend the following meetings:

Cabinet Meetings.
Informal Cabinet Meetings.
Corporate and Cabinet Management Board (CCMB).
Cabinet Committee – Corporate Parenting
Cabinet Committee for Equalities and Employee Relations
Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Streeting Group – Chair
Decarbonisation Programme Board – Chair

I have also been appointed to represent the authority on the following outside bodies:

Bridgend and Maesteg Citizens Advise Bureau.
South Wales Aggregates Working Party
Cabinet Committee – Corporate Parenting
Cabinet Committee for Equalities and Employee Relations
Capita Glamorgan Ltd. Joint Venture Committee
PATROL – Adjudication Joint Committee.
Margam and Coity Crematorium Committees.
Cardiff Capital Region Energy Strategic Steering Group.

I have supported the residents of my ward on a variety of issues and have formally raised many 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:

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Constituency Activity

I have made many referrals to BCBC on behalf of my constituents (too many to mention on this document) most of which were successfully resolved, I post before and after photographs of referrals made on my Councillor Facebook page.

I hold regular surgeries usually in the community centre on Woodlands Terrace on the first Saturday of the month 10 am until 12 noon. I also carry out street surgeries when I walk the ward.

Initiatives and Special Activities

I attended a climate awareness course provided by UK100 on three residential weekends in various locations in England over the Autumn as part of my development as Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment, this course was funded by UK100 with travelling expenses covered by the Authority.

I also attended a Leadership course provided by the WLGA this Spring which consisted of two residential weekends in Cardiff and an on-line weekend, again as part of my development as Cabinet Member.

I am currently working with my colleagues in the Caerau Ward to secure funding to improve the play park in Blaencaerau Estate, this is multi-agency including Maesteg Town Council, Invest Local Caerau, and Valleys to Coast who are currently the owners of the park. This park is now in the ownership of Maesteg Town Council (MTC) and will be refurbished for the residents of the Blaencaerau area via funds from MTC and the Town and Community CAT fund.

As part of the Maesteg Town Council ward fund, with agreement of my fellow ward councillors we have installed handrails along the Nant Gwyn Bach stream for the safety of the public using the adjacent path near the Filco Store, we have also installed a veterans memorial bench near the Cenotaph on Caerau Square and also used the fund to install several defibrillators throughout the ward, namely outside the Market Garden, Noddfa Youth Centre and Caerau Development Trust.

We also paid for a skip for the Llynfi River Group to use as part of their clean-up of the river adjacent to Hamilton Terrace in Caerau and provided a 3 tiered planter and hanging baskets opposite the Blaenllynfi Hotel in Caerau at the request of residents.

I have also been a member of Maesteg Town Council since 2014 and was appointed as Deputy Mayor of that authority for the term 2025/26.

I was also re-appointed as the Armed Forces Champion for Maesteg Town Council for the term 2025/26.

Other Activities/Issues

I attend many outside meetings apart from those at BCBC, I am a volunteer for one of our local charities, Caerau Development Trust (CDT) and travel to Culverhouse Cross every Thursday evening to collect food from Tesco and M&S for the trust, I also assist my colleagues to unload the van when then return from collections as and when required. I also liaise with the authority as required by the secretary of the trust.

I also attend Invest Local Caerau meetings (ILC) as the local elected member have secured over £50,000 funding to install a commercial kitchen to run a community café £30k, solar panels to make CDT a sustainable resource for the community of Caerau, I also secured 10K for a new van to carry out the various food collections, this money came from the Llynfi Afan Windfarm community fund. CDT can now provide a subsidised meals and a community shop, targeted, but not exclusively to the most disadvantaged members of the community.

I am also a member of the Llynfi Afan Windfarm committee which is responsible for the distribution of £14,000 to the community of Caerau annually for the next 24 years.

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Date: 6th of June 2025