

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF  
COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

This is the report by Councillor Mark Norris below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

**Councillor: Mark Norris**

**Electoral Division: Cwm Clydach**

**Section 1: Role & Responsibilities**

**Cabinet Member for Corporate Services**

Responsible for:

- Accountancy Services
- Operational Finance
- Performance & Resources
- ICT Operational Services
- One4all & Contact Centres
- Corporate Estates
- Design & Property Maintenance
- Energy & Utilities Mgt \ Carbon Reduction Commitment
- Procurement
- Internal Audit
- Digitalisation Strategy

**Member of the following Committees/Bodies**

- Full Council
- Cabinet
- School Budget Forum
- RCT Charity for the Visually Impaired
- Voluntary Sector Liaison Steering Group - VSLSG
- Chair RCT Pension Fund Committee

**Member of the following Outside Committees/Bodies**

- Chair of the Wales Pension Pool
- Consortium of Local Authorities Wales

**Section 2: Constituency Activity**

I am a Board Member of Cambrian Lakeside Ltd

I am a Vice President of Cambrian Welfare RFC

I am a Governor of Cwm Clydach Primary School

I am Chair of the Rhondda Powerhouse Trust

I attend PACT meetings.

I compile and deliver newsletters or letters to each address in my constituency – based on the topics I believe my constituents would like information, what's happening in or issues concerning the ward.

I support hundreds of individuals who contact me on a wide range of issues and have acted as an advocate in Planning matters, Highways issues, Benefit problems, Housing problems, Social Services problems, issues with outside agencies such as Welsh Water & Natural Resources Wales requests to name but a few.

I am also proud to represent Clydach at the Remembrance Services in both St Thomas' Church and St Andrew Church & Tonypany Cenotaph each year. I also try to get external funding into groups in our area when possible.

### **Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities**

Over several years I have played a very proactive role in improving the physical fabric in the Clydach ward with new bus shelters, bins, grit bins, improved pavements, drainage, more dog bins, along with hundreds of thousands of pounds of improvements to the Primary School in recent years.

I have, after several years of campaigning, secured hundreds of thousands of pounds to improve the road safety in the ward, especially around the Primary School, including traffic calming which has now been put in place, with requests already in to add to the scheme with further traffic calming measures at the top of the Ward over to the Park in Howard Street.

I was also able to secure tens of thousands of pounds funding to replace the park at the old Forest Houses site (in front of Bryntawel Terrace) with a brand new park.

These investments are on top of regular highways and other annual improvements to the area.

### **Section 4: Learning & Development**

I have attended the following learning and development activities during the year:

- Elected Member Conferences prior to Full Council:

I also passed a PRINCE2 Project Management Course

### **Section 5: Other Activities and Issues**

As a Cabinet Member, I work closely with my fellow Cabinet Members and Council Officers to deliver investments across the County Borough for the benefit of all residents.

The Council is working on many major projects within the County Borough and the wider region through initiatives such as the Taff Vale Development Pontypridd, the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal and South Wales Metro to name just a few.

There have been difficult cuts forced on the Council by the Westminster Government in recent years and there will be more big decisions to be made in the near future.

I am currently working with both the Cambrian Village Trust and Cambrian Welfare RFC to look at gaining funding from various grant funding bodies. I am also working with Cambrian Welfare RFC to help them secure the lease for the Welfare Park.

For the last two years I have been on the Board of the Fourteen Funding Project which was set up with money from the legacy fund of the 2012 Commonwealth Games. Through this Board we have been able to support many projects in the Mid Rhondda area. I also support and get involved with as many fundraising activities by groups in my ward as I physically can and enjoy taking part in as many festivals, concerts, fetes etc. that I am able to each year.

**Signature of Councillor:**

**Date:**