

# RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by Councillor Pauline Jarman below regarding her key activities over the year (January, 2016 to December, 2016). It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

**Councillor: Pauline Jarman**

**Electoral Division: Mountain Ash East**

## **Section 1: Role & Responsibilities**

Full Council Member

Chair and Member of Democratic Services Committee

Member of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Member of Children and Young Peoples Scrutiny Committee

Member of Development Control Committee

Chair of Governors, Mountain Ash Comprehensive School

Chair of Governors, Caegarw Primary School

## **Section 2: Constituency Activity**

I supported my constituents who were patients at Hillcrest Medical Centre when their long serving GP retired. Patients were concerned the surgery would close. Thankfully, new successful arrangements were put in place in January 2016 under the direct management of Cwmtaf LHB.

I also supported my elderly frail constituents who used Abercynon Day Centre. When they were told the centre would be closed for elderly services and they would have to use either the Pontypridd or Aberdare Centres they raised a petition opposing the proposal. I presented the petition on their behalf to the Council in July. Unfortunately the Council did not reverse its decision but the steely campaign launched by our most elderly citizens was admirable

In September I presented a petition on behalf of the children of Cefnpennar and Cwmpennar to get the playground upgraded and also presented the pictures of the equipment the children preferred at the October 2016 Council Meeting.

I successfully opposed the Council's proposal to make Mountain Ash a singlehanded Library. I successfully opposed the proposed withdrawal of the Cefnpennar bus service as well as successfully opposing the proposal to reduce the enrichment budget for youth engagement in Mountain Ash Comprehensive School by 10%.

I have been relentless in pursuing the need for the Southern Cross Valley Link from Newtown to Miskin and also other highway improvements including junction improvements on the A4059 at Troedyrhiw Road.,

I have proposed that there be some free car parking in the town centre throughout the year if only for an hour or two and also for there to be a relaxation on disabled motorists being unable to park in town until after 3pm.

I have made representation on the proposed new bus timetable which if accepted, will mean an improved afternoon service to Cefnpennar, Cwmpennar, Caegarw and Newtown As promised I made donations, equivalent to a voluntary 5% cut in my annual allowance throughout the year, to local voluntary and charitable organisations to assist in their work.

My casework was dedicated in the main to complaints about dog fouling, vandalism, flytipping, parking on pavements, abandoned vehicles and anti social behaviour related to the old hospital building.

I have a good working relationship with our local PCSO and the Police in general who respond promptly to issues that are their responsibility.

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

I raised a petition opposing the closure of Lloyds Bank in Mountain Ash which attracted 350 signatures. Initially Lloyds said it was not on their closure list but have since reneged on that and decided to close it in March 2017.

I was lead signatory to a motion that asked the Council Cabinet to reconsider their decision to charge for home to school transport, a month later they agreed to drop the charging proposal.

I was also lead signatory to a motion that the Council insist that Welsh Steel be used in Council Construction Contract in an effort to support the Welsh Steel Industry.

In March of 2016 I was lead signatory on a motion which expressed grave concern about the safety of passengers travelling with Arriva and the need for this matter to be urgently drawn to the attention of the CEO of Arriva and the Welsh Government.

I sat on the Panel that appointed the new Headteacher of Mountain Ash Comprehensive School, Mrs, Samantha Evans our first female Head. She will commence duties in January 2017

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

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Vulnerable Children

Planning / Development Control

Scrutiny. Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. WLGA/Head of Democratic Services

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

I acted as scrutineer for the Guinness World Record attempt by Rochialle in aid of Sepsis UK.

I attended the Aberfan Disaster 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance Service on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at St Margaret's Church Mountain Ash.

I also attended the Service of Remembrance on Armistice day and laid a poppy wreath at the War Memorial in Dyffryn Woods.

I also attended the Penrhiwceiber wreath laying ceremony the following Sunday laid a poppy wreath on the clock memorial

**Signature of Councillor: PAULINE JARMAN**

**Date: 29<sup>TH</sup> December 2016**