RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

This is the report by Councillor Sêra Evans-Fear regarding her key activities over the year ending 30 April 2015. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Councillor: Sêra Evans-Fear

Electoral Division: Treorci

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

For the period May 2014 to End of May 2015, I sat on the Education and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee (now known as the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee).

I sat on the following Outside Bodies:

Chair of Governors of Parc Primary School

Treorci Town Centre Forum

Treorci PACT Committee

Ynyswen PACT Committee

Welsh Water Flood Action Group (Treorci Ward)

Treorchy Wind Fund Advisory Committee

Vattenfall Community Liaison Committee

Rhondda Fawr Communities First Cluster Board

Section 2: Constituency Activity

I have undertaken case work on a range of subjects on behalf of constituents.

I have spoken regularly in full Council and in various committees on matters relating to the Treorci Ward.

I frequently provided job and character references and acted as counter signatory to a number of passport applications and other legal documents.

I have addressed a number of local societies such as the Ystradyfodwg Art Society and compered numerous events such as the Treorchy Male Voice Junior Musician Final.

With colleagues, I have organised a number of public meetings to discuss matters of importance to the ward.

We have issued regular Newsletters giving constituents information relating to matters that may be of interest to them.

We have helped in distributing information regarding grants available from wind farm community funds and in conducting the 'election' to choose the public's preferred recipients.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

- I assisted the residents of Ynyswen Road with issues relating to the Pig and Whistle development.
- I assisted residents of Treorci with problems relating to Treorci Cemetery.
- I assisted some constituents with applications for disabled parking bays.
- I reported and followed-up a number of anti-social behaviour incidents, drainage problems, road surface problems, road signage problems, fly-tipping incidents, dog fouling incidents (and in some cases instigated patrols).
- I met with officers to examine the pavements in Treorci Town Centre, some of which have subsequently been re-laid.
- I organised presentations for local residents at Ynyswen PACT meetings, on issues such as drainage and developments.
- I advised residents on planning issues and sought advice from Officers where appropriate.

Section 4: Learning & Development

I attended a number of pre-Council briefings on a range of functions that RCT is responsible for delivering.

I attended a number of Governor training sessions relevant to my role as Chair of Governors at Parc Primary School.

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

I judged the annual Christmas Window Competition in Treorci alongside Ann Barrett (Chamber of Trade) and Cllr Shelley Rees-Owen.