

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by Councillor Ann Crimmings below regarding his/her key activities over the year ending 31st March 2015. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Councillors are free to include as much or as little information as they wish in each section, however the report is to be kept to this 2 page (maximum) format.

Councillor: **Councillor Ann Crimmings**

Electoral Division: **Aberdare West / Llwydcoed**

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Sport

- Street Care
- Litter
- Waste & Recycling
- Recreation Services
- Parks & Recreation Grounds
- Biodiversity & Conservation
- Countryside Services & Public Spaces
- Leisure Services
- Sport RCT
- Active Lifestyles
- Sports Development

Member of the following Committees / Bodies

- Council
- Cabinet
- Cabinet Performance and Resources Committee
- Ynysyngharad War Memorial Park Cabinet Committee
- Capita Glamorgan Consultancy Joint Committee
- LLwydcoed Crematorium Joint Committee
- Member appointed to the following Outside Body – Tower Site Liaison Committee
- Participant in appropriate Member Development

Appointed Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure & Sport at the Councils AGM in May 2014.

Section 2: Constituency Activity

I work closely with Cllrs. Sharon Rees and John Davies, Ann Clwyd M.P. and Christine Chapman A.M. to assist the community.

I offer support and help to individuals, families, groups and businesses within my Ward; offering an open door policy whereby residents can contact me whenever they require.

I continue to work closely with the Police, PCSO's, Council Officers and Housing Associations to address issues such as antisocial behaviour, road safety including speeding vehicles, Public Health issues and Licensing.

I attend our monthly PACT meeting to offer advice on Council related matters, and to take forward any concerns raised by the residents e.g. highways, dog fouling etc.

Throughout the year I have worked with officers on the investment in the Ward for the drainage scheme in Bwllfa Road, Cwmdare, highways and footpaths; plus the exciting plans for the play area in Aberdare Park.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

The C4C – Cwmdare for Cwmdare group continues to provide activities in the village to help regenerate the community and has expanded its' calendar. As secretary of the committee I am involved with the organisation of the events which include:

Children's discos. Easter Egg hunt, Summer fete, Trip to the beach, Spooky Walk, Christmas shopping trip, Carols on the Square. The group is now seeking funding for new projects to engage with different groups within the community.

I am working with officers to undertake community litter picks and have agreed to hold monthly litter picks at Dare Valley Country Park.

Working with officers I initiated a meeting to seek the views of the community to set up a Friends of Aberdare Park Group, with a view of fundraising and utilising the park to its full potential.

Section 4: Learning & Development

ILM Leadership course

Internal courses prior to Full Council (EMC Winter Maintenance / EMC Corporate Parenting)

Governor training

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

I have held the position of *Secretary of Aberdare Valley Amateur Athletic Club* for over 20 years.

As the *Chair of Nos Galan Committee* I work closely with officers and volunteers on the planning of the event and marshalling the races on the evening

I am also the *Chair of Governors at Aberdare Park Primary*.