

RHONDDA CYNON TAF

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

Councillor: Margaret Griffiths

Electoral Division: Pontyclun

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

I am a member of RCT Council and its committee for Development Control, and on the scrutiny committee for Children & Young People.

I am vice chair for Development Control and attend the majority of site visits

I am on the committee for Glamorgan Archives

I am on the Boards of Governors for both YGGG Llantrisant and Pontyclun Primary School

I am a member and the chair of Pontyclun Community Council.

I am a member of a local environment voluntary group – the Pontyclun Trust.

Section 2: Constituency Activity

I have with my councillor colleague, Paul Griffiths, held a weekly surgery at Pontyclun Library – every Tuesday morning between 10 am and 11 am. I estimate that over 50 residents have used this surgery in the past year. The representations that we have made concern issues including:

- footpaths
- pavements
- potholes
- parking and traffic management
- waste collection
- open spaces and play facilities
- the cycle path
- sporting facilities
- new town development
- reduced funding for nursery education, school transport, the school music service and the library.

Each month, with my councillor colleague Paul Griffiths, we provide a report of village issues and activities in the local free newspaper, 'The Diary'. This report appears to be widely circulated and read.

In addition we have circulated two newsletters to each household in Pontyclun and held one public meeting.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

I have been concerned with promoting the local businesses of Pontyclun through providing a launch to Christmas with turning on the lights at the beginning of December along with a Christmas event, choirs, bands and providing a venue for small craft makers to sell their products.

I have been working alongside my colleague Paul Griffiths and with the Community Council to achieve Welsh Government and RCT funding for the up-dating of fencing and new play facilities on Maesyfelin Field. We achieved the replacement of the play facilities at the Rugby Club.

RCT Council has transferred the Day Centre to the Community Council. It is now named Café 50 and I am regularly involved in coordinating the catering and social activities.

I have been working with the community centre management committee to consider the benefits of taking on the lease of the Community Centre and Café 50.

Section 4: Learning & Development

I have attended five training sessions on the Planning Process, and two on the Social Well Being Act.

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

It was been a privilege to attend a large number of sporting and cultural activities in the village of Pontyclun.

I am part of the pre launch team setting up a U3A group in Pontyclun