

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by Jayne Brencher below regarding her key over the year ending 2017/2018. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Councillor: Jayne Brencher

Electoral Division: Graig Ward

Political Group: Labour- Pontypridd

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

Elected Member of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Elected Member of Pontypridd Town Council
School Governor- Coedylan Primary School.
Trustee- YMCA development
Member of PONT (Partnership Overseas Networking Trust)
Member of Community Health Council sitting on Dewi Sant Health Park and supporting local families/ review health provision.
Represent RCT on Coalfields Alliance Group- a voice for RCT on UK board across UK in former Coalfield areas
Member of Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee (RCT).
Member of Overview and Scrutiny Committee (RCT).
Member of LEA School Governors Committee
Member of SACRE Group teaching RE in schools.
Chair of Pontypridd Town Council - Staffing Committee
Member of Dementia Friends Pontypridd Action Group- All agencies.
Member of Graig Communities Centre Committee- Initiated by me.

Section 2: Constituency Activity

Improving Graig environment includes setting up community groups to refurbish and widen use of community centre. Community painting project- Wood Road and cleaning of community areas/ flowers planting.
Refurbishment of Albert Road Park./ Shonis Pond action Group- RCT drainage actively lobbying on behalf of residents on parking, speeding issues in lower actively lobbying 20 miles per hour Penycod Care Village- agreed and supporting range of charity events at Queens Head, local churches- St. Johns/ temple/ St. Catherine's.
Liaison with PCSO and PACT on anti-social behaviour issues across ward/ town centre.
Working with AM/PM to address the issues- planning, refurbishing tunnel- High Street.
Working with USW- Adopt a path Graig walks, children's activities. Advantage and support.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

As a Member of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee I was part of a Working Group which dealt with 'Tackling Period Poverty' across RCT working with the local schools. Outcome free sanitary products for female pupils in Primary and Secondary Schools across RCT and wider Welsh impact.

As a volunteer on Community Health Council I represent local people on health concerns and direct issues of parking/ patient access on Graig.

Establishment of Dewi Sant Health Park linking with local community providing 'one stop shop' health care.

Advancing for local parents/ working families extending supported childcare provision, school transport and increase activities/ opportunities.

Review of planning Marks & Spencer site and development of town centre.

Section 4: Learning & Development

I have attended Member Development Conferences prior to Council Meetings where presentations have been made on a number of issues such as Data Protection, Welsh Water, Citizens Advice Bureaux, Trevalis, Equalities.

I have attended Scrutiny Training courses

Conference for councillors at all nations- Cardiff.

Seminar CHC- Cwm Taf Health/ Welsh Government- Glyncoch Community Centre

Coalfield Alliance attended meetings at Ebbw Vale, Caerphilly, Merthyr, Senydd identifying issues/ reports affecting our communities.

Several consultation sessions on local democracy/ valleys innovation, town centre development- RCT/WAG.

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

YMCA/ ARTIS community/ Pontypridd Town Council initiatives working with local groups and BIDs team to promote town support to local businesses. Overview as a trustee of the YMCA and development. Supporting initiatives by Town Council children's literature and muni, setting up Ponty Arts group to enhance opportunities for arts across the area. Also, arts community in courthouse Street. Member of WI and Rotary International and Co-Op party.

Successful in setting groups to run Community Centre and Shon's Pond/ locals walks securing funding for activities. Football fun day.

Councillor J. Brencher

May, 2018