

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

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

Councillor: Sêra Evans

Electoral Division: Treorci

Political Party/Group: Plaid Cymru

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

Full Council Member
Member of Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee
Chair of Governors, 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

Section 2: Constituency Activity

I have undertaken case work on a range of subjects on behalf of constituents. My casework was dedicated in the main to complaints about empty properties, vandalism, fly-tipping, parking issues and drainage. Other issues have included street lighting and anti-social behaviour. I promptly reported contraventions of planning regulations. I have dealt with numerous queries regarding refuse collections. I have liaised with Officers regarding fairground applications. I have reported pot holes.

I have spoken regularly in Council and in committee meetings on matters relating to the Treorci Ward and RCT as a whole.

I frequently provided job and character references.

I have addressed a number of local societies such as the Ystradyfodwg Art Society and attended numerous community events.

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

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, such as Ystradyfodwg Arts Society, Dylan's Den, Cylch Meithrin Treorci, Ynyswen Gardening Club, Pencelli Bowls Club, Treorci Boys' and Girls' Club, Rhondda Kindercare, Welsh Hearts and Parc Hall.

I have not given up the fight to improve traffic flow at Stag Square in Treorci, and played an active role in the consultation exercise with regards to the proposed improvements. This continues to be an ongoing issue for the Ward. I met with Officers to discuss the newly-implemented waiting

restrictions in Treorci Town Centre, and regularly report issues of non-compliance.

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

I campaigned for improved playground facilities at both Treorchy and Cwmparc playgrounds and played a role in the Treorchy Park's inaugural Easter Egg Hunt fundraiser.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

I was part of the Town Centre Forum group that organised the Treorci Christmas Event and announced the 'switch-on' at the event. I have recently been involved in discussions around a BID for the town centre and it is hoped that we can support Treorchy Chamber of Trade with a BID for the town centre.

I sit on the Cwmparc Blitz Memorial Project Committee in an advisory capacity and have invited Council Officers to attend meetings of the committee to advise on the project.

Section 4: Learning & Development

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 assisted residents during the period of heavy snowfall and arranged for an additional grit bin to be installed in Ynyswen.

I have liaised with colleagues in Education and Traffic Services regarding parking and drop-off issues at YGG Ynyswen and Parc Primary School, and am actively working with Officers and the Police to tackle issues at both locations.

Signature of Councillor: S. M. Evans

Date: 23.5.2018