

# RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by Councillor Sêra Evans-Fear regarding her key activities over the year (1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016). 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**

Full Council Member  
Member of Children and Young People 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 attended and represented local residents at a public meeting to oppose the closure of Treorci Sorting Office.

I supported my constituents who were patients at Horeb Surgery, Treorci when their GP left the practice and the Surgery was closed. I spoke at a Public Meeting to oppose the closure of the Surgery.

I arranged for Fowler the Dog to attend whole-school assembly at Parc Primary School, where he warned the pupils about the dangers of dog fouling. Also near the school, I arranged for a letter-drop and surveillance to be carried out in an effort to prevent dog fouling. Additional dog bins have also been installed in the area.

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

I have spoken regularly in full Council and in committee meeting 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 compered numerous events such as the Treorchy Male Voice Junior Musician Final.

I 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.

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 assisted residents in applying for disabled parking permits, arranged for T-bar parking and dropped kerbs to be installed outside a resident's property, and promptly reported contraventions of planning regulations. I have also resolved issues with wi-fi and overgrowth at Treorci Cemetery, and have dealt with numerous queries regarding refuse collections.

I have assisted Treorci Rugby Club with numerous issues, and have liaised with Officers regarding fairground applications. I have reported pot holes. 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.

I met with Officers from Corporate Estates and Streetcare to discuss cleansing and overgrowth issues in Cwmparc and Treorci.

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 against the closure of the Treorci Branch of HSBC alongside my Ward colleagues.

### **Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities**

I assisted local residents to establish a Friends of Treorci Park Committee, with the aim of improving the park. I have liaised with Officers regarding proposed improvements, and arranged for the relevant Cabinet Member to attend a meeting in the park with concerned residents and parents. I arranged and will shortly present a petition to full Council for improvements to be made to Cwmparc playground.

I was part of the Town Centre Forum group that discussed initial ideas for the Treorci Christmas Event.

### **Section 4: Learning & Development**

Scrutiny: Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. WLGA/Head of Democratic Services

I attended a number of Governor training sessions relevant to my role as Chair of Governors at Parc Primary School, including Safeguarding (Level 2).

### **Section 5: Other Activities and Issues**

I delivered two Governor Briefing Sessions at Ty Dysgu, and was subsequently asked to take part in a workshop for Aspiring Headteachers alongside the Future Leaders' Trust.

I have delivered five bespoke training sessions for Governing Bodies in RCT and Cardiff as a result of the above Briefing Sessions.

I contributed to a successful ESTYN inspection at Parc Primary School, whereby the School was awarded Excellent and/ or Good in all categories.

I was part of the Governor Improvement Working Group, as a member of the Council's Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee.

Signature of Councillor:



Date: 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016