

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by Councillor Linda De Vet below regarding her key activities over the year ending 30th April, 2015. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Councillor: Linda De Vet

Electoral Division: Aberaman North Ward

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

Member of full Council RCTCBC
Member of Development Control Committee
Member of Environmental Services Committee

Section 2: Constituency Activity

I work very closely with my fellow Ward colleague Councillor Sheryl Evans sharing information, concerns and activities raised within the Ward.

I meet with residents when requested and in particular have met with tenants and residents of Maes y Deri, Rhos Dyfed and Rhos Nathan Wyn helping residents with issues concerning RCT Homes and Newydd Housing Association.

I liaise closely with the local PCSO and police officers regarding local issues such as anti social behaviour. I also meet periodically with South Wales Police Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Inspector and Chief Inspector to appraise them of Community Issues.

I am in regular contact with council officers when necessary to raise residents concerns with them and ensure that residents are updated regarding any relevant information.

I work with and support any individual or organisation and ensure that they are put in touch with relevant council officers or outside agencies.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

With my colleague Councillor Sheryl Evans I have set up the Saron Food Co-op. We distribute fresh fruit and vegetables at a reasonable price to local residents. Together with a team of volunteers I pack and distribute the items every week to the local community.

I work closely with council officers regarding dog fouling and fly tipping issues within Aberaman North pro-actively encouraging residents to recycle and to keep our area clean and tidy.

Along with Councillor Evans I have negotiated with council officers and successfully put the case to retain the Blaengwawr Comprehensive School Astro Turf facility for community use.

Section 4: Learning & Development

I attend Member Training sessions particularly in relation to planning and environmental issues to be up to speed on any relevant changes.

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

I am a LEA appointed governor at Aberdare Community School and am pleased to have been elected as Vice Chair. I sit on various committees at the school and Chair the Community and Parental Links Committee.

I am also a LEA appointed governor at Blaengwawr Primary School where I have held the position of Chair for the past four years. I am also Chair of several sub committees at Blaengwawr including Finance, Human Resources, Premises Health and Safety, Standards and Curriculum, Performance Management and Community and Parental Links.
