

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15

This is the report by Councillor Steven Alan Bradwick regarding his key activities over the year ending 30 April 2015. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Councillor: Steven Alan Bradwick

Electoral Division: Aberdare East Ward

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

I attend meetings of full council within RCTCBC
I am vice chair of Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee.
I am a member of the following Committees

1. Democratic Services
2. Overview and Scrutiny
3. Audit
4. Licensing
5. Crime and Disorder
6. Appeals

I was re elected by full Council at their AGM to represent them on South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, and at their AGM I was once again elected Deputy Chairman. I also sit on the NIC Committee which meet in Mid Wales with the North and Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

I sit on the HR Committee of the Fire Service

I was proud to be at the opening of the new fire station at Hirwaun

I attend the National Fire Service for Fallen Fire-fighters in London

I attend the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) meetings on behalf of our Chairman

Section 2: Constituency Activity

I work very closely with my fellow ward Councillor we are a team along with members of my ward.

I was elected Chairman of my ward

I hold meetings at the Ty Mynydd Residents group, where I help residents who have problems with RCTHomes.

I call bingo on Friday Afternoons at the Residents group and I attend their monthly meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month.

I attend PACT and Maesyddare NW AT Aberdare Rugby Club

I put out information that is relevant to the residents of the ward that they need to know.

I am in contact with council officers on a daily basis in reporting things for residents and I will try my best to get a reply back to them that day or the next even if they don't like the reply.

I always copy my fellow ward member in to any concern that I receive I believe this is a must because I don't want council officers doing double the work.

I have met with the new police inspector for Aberdare and I always forward him my concerns regarding the policing of Aberdare, and also residents' concerns regarding the police.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities

I still work closely with council officers regarding the regeneration of Aberdare town Centre, new flats were built in the town centre and I had concern over the flats so I meet along with my ward member and the local housing association to put together a local lettings policy, which I was so glad was put in place and it is working well.

I am still sorting out the residents new parking bays for my ward, I am told that it should be all in place by April 2015 I hope so as the residents of the ward need it badly, it went out to consultation and I was pleased to see in some areas of the ward residents said no to the new parking so I fully agreed with their views.

In the ward we have a large number of houses with RCTHomes once again this year I have received many complaints from tenants about them, and I will still convey their concerns to them, like not finishing their new kitchens, bathrooms I could go on.

What I have found in the past year is Anti Social Behaviour on the increase in my ward so I am always seeking help from the Council Anti Social Behaviour Team who in my mind are the best to help my residents.

I have also received calls from traders in the town regarding ASB which I pass on to the police

Section 4: Learning & Development

I will always attend any training that the council will provide me with to assist me in my role of being a Councillor along with South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, as I feel it is a must in assisting members to carry out their roles and duties appropriately

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues

I am a LEA Governor of the new Aberdare Community School, I was elected Chair of Governors at their AGM, I am very proud to be their Chair of Governors, our school opened this year and what a school.

We have appointed new members of staff to the school which I am Chair of HR Committee

I will always assist all the residents of Aberdare East that need my help in directing them to the appropriate Officers of the council or other bodies or where and when necessary I will deal with their concerns direct on their behalf