



Elected Member Annual Report - 2012/13

Councillor Rob Jones

Electoral Division: Margam

It has been a year since I took office as the Councillor for the Margam Ward of Port Talbot. I am keen to ensure that people are informed as to what their councillor has been doing over the past year.

Roles and Responsibilities:

I was placed onto several committees namely:-
The Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee
Planning and Development Control Committee
Democratic Services Committee
Safer Neath Port Talbot Members Briefing Group

I was also appointed onto the following joint meetings or outside bodies:-
Joint Resilience Committee
Margam Joint Crematorium Committee
Margam Opencast Site Liaison Committee
TATA Steel Joint Consultative Group

I remain as an LA Governor on Coed Hirwaun Primary and Dyffryn Comprehensive schools.

Initiatives and Special Activities:

One of the most important groups I worked on during the past year was the Afan Lido Task and Finish Group. The work that we have completed resulted in a recommendation for a 21st Century swimming facility for the Port Talbot seafront that will be built and opened in the coming years

Community Activity:

I have been consulted on over 70 various planning applications for the Margam ward from house extensions to tree preservation order applications.

Other complaints I have dealt with range from asbestos in properties, to bus time tables, car parking, and building compliance, to building enforcement, fly tipping to dog fouling, flooding roads, to a roof leaking on a house late at night in bad weather, potholes to trees that have grown too tall to the grass that has not been cut or the weeds not having been treated. I could go on and on, I hope that you get the picture. I think it's fair to say that in the past year I have dealt with a very mixed cross section of complaints from residents.

I have worked and addressed issues that Coed Hirwaun Community Association, Coed Hirwaun PTA and Groes Primary School have informed me of over the past year.

In addition, I have been holding regular PACT meetings at the Round Chapel Vestry in Tollgate (normally the 1st Thursday every other month).

I also meet regularly with the Save the Morfa Beach Campaign group and the Friends of Margam Park

So what does this tell you?

I often heard when canvassing last year you only see your councillor when they want your vote every four years. Well this councillor is keeping in touch by delivering newsletters himself. I can only work on your behalf if you make representations to me and let me know what problems you are facing. All the above people did that and I am not saying I resolved everything at once some issues I am still dealing with a year later, but if I don't know I can't help.

I hope that this reminds you that I am here working for you and the community.

I **will** make a difference as your councillor.

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