

ELECTED MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT



2017-18

Councillor Anthony Taylor

Electoral Division

Taibach

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Deputy Leader of Council & Cabinet Member for Transformation
- Governor – Eastern Primary School & Ysgol Cwm Brombil
- Chair – Friends of Talbot Memorial Park
- Trustee – Taibach Community Library & Port Talbot YMCA
- Director (non-remunerated) – Community Ventures Port Talbot CIC (Taibach Community Centre & Taibach Community Education Centre)
- Board Member – Port Talbot Waterfront Enterprise Zone
- Deputy Spokesperson (Economic Development, Energy & Europe) – Welsh Local Government Association

Community Activities:

Since being successfully re-elected in May 2017, alongside my ward colleague Councillor Rachel Taylor, I have continued to work hard to do the best that I can to assist those residents in Taibach, Margam & Goytre that have needed my help over the past 12 months.

I have **campaigning to keep key local facilities open** in the Taibach Ward and continue to take an active role in ensuring that the local library and community centres remain important parts of life in our community. Similarly, I have now been a member of the **Eastern Primary School** Governing Body for over a decade with a keen interest in delivering the best start in life that we can for current and future generations from the area.

On that note, it has been particularly pleasing to watch the ongoing construction of the brand new, £30m state-of-the-art, 21st **Ysgol Cwm Brombil** site which will replace the former Groes Primary and Dyffryn Comprehensive Schools. I am looking forward to its official opening in the Autumn and the boost that it will bring to local pupils, parents and staff.

Once again this year, my casework has been dominated by complaints about **pollution and fallout** from the neighbouring **Tata Steel** plant. Whilst the Council has no enforcement powers to deal with the problem, I have raised residents' concerns directly with senior management at the company and Natural Resources Wales on a regular basis.

I have also prioritised my time to concentrate on keeping the area as clean, green and safe for residents as possible. Recent campaigns by my ward colleague and I include

- Pursuing court action against owners of **eyesore properties** (e.g. Daycocks, Commercial Rd)
- Regularly tackling and cleaning up **flytipping hotspots** (e.g. rear lanes, Goytre to Bryn path)
- **Road safety** measures at Scutari Row and Goytre
- Installation of **new bus shelters** along Margam Rd and Commercial Road
- **Additional litter / dog mess bins** at several locations (e.g. Library Lane & Margam Rd)
- **Working closely with local police officers** to take action across the ward against anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and problem neighbours.

Alongside this, I have also **helped many residents on a confidential, individual basis** on matters including health care, education, welfare support, disability issues, employment advice and transport.

I have held **regular monthly advice surgeries** at venues including Taibach Community Library, Taibach Community Centre & Bertha Rd Community Centre and **remain easily contactable in person and by phone, email and social media**. Our **street surgeries** which allow residents to speak with us as councillors on their own doorsteps will also resume shortly.

It is an honour and a privilege to be able to represent the area in which I live and I will continue to work on behalf of local residents to secure the best support and help for our community that I can.

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