

CYNGOR CAERDYDD CARDIFF COUNCIL Adroddiad Blynyddol i Aelodau Etholedig 2018 Annual Report for Elected Members 2018

Cynghorydd/ Councillor: Jayne Cowan, Adrian Robson & Oliver Owen

Plaid/ Party: Conservative

Ward: Rhiwbina

Etholwyd yn Gyntaf/ First Elected: 1999, 2004 and 2017 respectively

This report identifies my key activities over the municipal year 2017/18 ending 24 May 2018. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

Jayne: Conservative Shadow Cabinet Member for Investment and Development. Member of Audit Committee, Employment Conditions Committee and 2017/18 Chair of Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee.

Attendance Record can be viewed here: <u>Attendance</u> Learning & Development Record can be viewed here: <u>Learning</u>

Adrian: Leader of the Conservative Group/Leader of the opposition. Member of the Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee, Public Protection Committee and the adhoc Appointments Committee.

A member of Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee, Vice Chairman of Cardiff Bus and an observer at the Council's Cabinet.

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Oliver: Conservative Spokesperson on the Welsh Language. Member of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee and Bilingual Cardiff Member Group.

Attendance Record can be viewed here: <u>Attendance</u> Learning & Development Record can be viewed here: <u>Learning</u>

Section 2: Constituency Activity

We have been busy with casework. One particular success was the raising of the kerbs in Lon-y-Dail where there had been ongoing problems for many years. In conjunction with residents, we opposed the planning application for the former Natwest bank. We are also continuing to campaign for full pedestrian crossing facilities at the 'Monico' junction and to

reconfigure the road so that traffic doesn't need to mount the kerb coming south on Pantbach Road.

We continue to deal with missed bin collections, trees that need attention and road repairs affecting the ward.

Advice surgeries have been held regularly throughout Rhiwbina and Pantmawr and our social media feeds often provide the latest local updates.

Initiatives and Special Activities

Jayne was re-appointed as Chair of Governors at Greenhill Special School, whilst Oliver continues as school governor at Ton Yr Ywen Primary School.

Our largest activity of 2017/18 was involvement in Wales & West Utilities' gas pipe replacement scheme. All gas pipes north of the railway line are being replaced with new ones expected to last around 100 years. The temporary one-way system on Pantmawr Road generated many enquiries (and frustration for commuters) but we were able to keep people informed via a good working relationship with Wales & West. We invited them to a public meeting at the Pantmawr Inn and worked in partnership to ensure that residents knew how it might affect them.

We also liaised with the Rhiwbina shops to ensure that the work was carried out after their busy Christmas season.

During the Pantmawr Road closure the congestion at rush hour backed up beyond Rhiwbina's borders, so we asked Wales and West to ensure their community liaison was strong and asked Cardiff Council to look at the traffic light timings at busy junctions.

Another highlight of our year was Jayne and Oliver taking part in the Rhiwbina Friends of Tenovus' dramatic production of 'Out of the Wenallt' - Jayne as an intrinsic character and Oliver as the piano accompanist, which helped raise over £3,000 for this terrific charity.

Other Activities/Issues

Oliver has sat on the Rhiwbina & Llanishen Eisteddfod Fundraising Committee, helping to fund the 2018 Eisteddfod in Cardiff. Activities have ranged from coffee mornings to a beer tasting evening in Snails delicatessen.

Rachel's Day was a fun filled afternoon at Rhiwbina Recreation Club in memory of Rachel Day who tragically passed away due to Sepsis. The event included a dog walk around Rhiwbina, stalls, food and singers.

And one of the highlights of the year is always Rhiwbina Festival Day. The atmosphere was fabulous and the use of Parc y Pentre added to the attraction. Jayne, Adrian & Oliver can often be spotted wearing a yellow high-vis, marshalling on one of the road closures in the sun!

Councillor Jayne Cowan Councillor Oliver Owen Councillor Adrian Robson