



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

**Cynghorydd/Councillor: Phil Bale**

**Plaid/ Party: Labour & Co-operative  
Party**

**Ward: Llanishen**

**Etholwyd yn Gyntaf/ First Elected: 2 Mai 2012**

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**

I was proud to be re-elected as Labour and Co-Operative Councillor for Llanishen and Thornhill. I was first elected on 3 May 2012.

I am a Member of the Audit Committee.

Attendance Record can be viewed here: [Attendance](#)

Learning & Development Record can be viewed here: [Learning](#)

**Section 2: Constituency Activity**

Llanishen is a very large ward in Cardiff and is represented by four City Councillors. In the May 2017 local elections, I was very proud to be re-elected to continue to serve on the City Council.

During the year there were some notable local successes, which in several cases have taken many years to come to fruition. The Trenchard Drive Improvement Scheme, on which I worked with former Councillor, Garry Hunt, was one such project. It was completed earlier in the year and has brought much needed investment to local social housing, roads and public spaces. I also worked with Ysgol y Wern Primary School and the Council to secure new bollards to restrict parking outside the school on Llangranog Road to help improve pedestrian safety. It is always difficult, and a very long process, to secure highways improvements due to limited Council funding but one other notable road safety scheme on Lisvane Road was also completed this year. I have continued to lobby for many others!

I've also held advice surgeries, attended lots of local community events and litter picks and continued to work with Welsh Water to restore Llanishen Reservoir. I've also had a very large and wide-ranging mix of cases to deal with on behalf of residents. These have included meeting with the local Health Board after Llanishen Clinic on Newborough Avenue was closed and local GP services were moved to Gabalfa with little notice (from 1st December 2017). I also helped residents concerned about the street works undertaken by Virgin Media as a new hyper fast broadband network was installed, organising several drop-in events for local residents with Virgin representatives.

In April, I organised one of the biggest public meetings seen in Thornhill in many years with well over 100 people attending to discuss local bus services and in particular, the re-routing of the NAT X8 bus service down a residential street in Thornhill without any consultation. As a result of resident and councillor pressure, NAT Group subsequently agreed to carry out a questionnaire with local residents to decide on the best way forward.

Inadequate public transport links as well as the condition of local roads and parking problems were some of the most frequently raised issues during 2017/18, in addition to several contentious planning applications and a shortage of local affordable housing.

Throughout the year, I have also continued to communicate with residents through my regular local newsletter and on my Councillor Facebook page '**Cllr Phil Bale – Llanishen and Thornhill News**'. This page has become very popular with local residents and now has over 900 followers in just over a year!

### **Initiatives and Special Activities**

The highlight of 2017/18 was undoubtedly in late November, when it was wonderful to see the results of five years' work with the opening of the new library and community hub in the Llanishen Police Station building. Over 700 people visited the new Llanishen Hub on the launch day event, which coincided with the annual Christmas Lights Switch On event in Llanishen village.

When I was first elected in 2012, the police station was threatened with closure and the old part-time library in Llanishen village also faced an uncertain future. Now after a successful campaign with Julie Morgan AM and former Llanishen Councillors, Garry Hunt and Julia Magill we have a new full-time library which offers a children's reading area as well as a range of advice services and training courses. Upstairs, the local police are still based on the first floor and continue to hold community meetings and local drop-in events. It's well worth a visit to the new hub if you haven't had a chance to pop in already!

**Councillor Phil Bale**

**Date: 18/04/2018**