



VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – MAY 2024 – MAY 2025

Name of Councillor	Marianne Cowpe	Group	Plaid Cymru
Ward	Dinas Powys Cross Common Ward	Date Last Elected	May 2022

Council Positions / Committee Memberships Held (May 2024– May 2025)

- Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny
- Planning
- Investigating
- Joint Consultative Forum

I am also a member of, and contribute to the work of, the following Outside Bodies, School Governing Bodies and Partnerships:

Council representative

- Michaelston Le Pit Community Council for Dinas Powys Community Council
- I represent Dinas Powys Community Council on the Public Services Board.
- I represent Dinas Powys on the Eastern Vale Community Group run by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.
- I am a governor at St Andrews Church in Wales School.

Other (e.g. WLGA capacity)

None.

Constituency Activity and Achievements

- Meetings with Departments within the Vale: Highways, Housing, Refuse, Corporate Resources, Sports and Leisure, Keep Wales Tidy, Planning briefings. Meetings have also been held with VOG staff and Councillors with the University Health Board and with Llais on a number of occasions. I attended a meeting at the Senedd regarding ADHD and Autism in women.

Questions asked at Council and in committee:

- Support for breastfeeding mothers
- Devolution of the crown estate to be supported by VOG
- Support from VOG for the government to honour the report of the Independent Ombudsman to support WASPI women
- Price increases at leisure centres in the vale
- What is the support for the NERS programme in the Vale considering the rise in referrals?
- Complaints about Leisure Centres
- Shared records
- Organisation resilience how does this look in ?
- What share of the £180 million coming to Wales for transport infrastructure will come to VOG Council and what are the plans to support the transport system with this money?
- PCSO numbers are smaller in the Vale of Glamorgan than any other Authority in South Wales the latest figures available show on average 15.25 PCSOs over a year in VOG and 58.25 in Cardiff. Are the VOG Council happy with this and do VOG feel that a question regarding funding should be asked of SWP?
- Support for carers
- Impact of proposed housing developments and lack of infrastructure to support new developments.
- Planning applications where necessary called into Planning Committee.
- Site visits requested for planning applications where necessary.
- informal site visits with VOG officers regarding planning application

I have dealt with the following issues, fly tipping, neighbour disputes, litter collection in defined areas (alley ways etc), access to refuse services, bins, housing, potholes, unsafe parking, speeding, unsafe junctions, unsafe pavements, payment of school transport.

I persuaded the VOG to collect transport payments from parents three times a year instead of once a year.

New items this year: school transport, access to special education, Welsh medium education, access to services at hospitals, control of personal information in the NHS, land that is not registered, attended an event for refugees at a high school. Took part in litter picks in the community.

On Dinas Powys Community Council I sit on the Planning Committee and the Finance and General Purposes Committee. I am a member of the Dinas Powys

Transport Group set up by Plaid Cymru, where we managed to get the no 305 bus to run up to the medical centre in Dinas Powys. I am a trustee and volunteer at Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre. I assist two other local groups/charities - one by acting as treasurer and home visitor and the other I act as Secretary to Dinas Powys Cytun (Council of Churches).

Learning and Development

- I have attended all mandatory training
- Introduction to LLais
- Boundary commission changes

DATE	BRIEFING / TRAINING UNDERTAKEN	MANDATORY
02.12.24	MTFP Refresh	No
06.12.24	Planning Training	No
28.03.25	New Directorate Plans	No
Non Mandatory Training via i'Dev offered to Members	Managing your Time	
	Building Better Habits	
	365 Handy Hints	

Priorities For the Year Ahead:

- To continue be an active contributor to the Committees I serve on and, to the Council, in order to scrutinise Council Activities to ensure best service for the people of the Vale of Glamorgan.
- To be proactive in picking up case work when appropriate.
- To continue with ongoing training and updating as offered by VOG/DPCC and other organisations if appropriate.
- To question Council appropriately regarding the services provided
- To continue to work to the highest possible standard for my constituents and to bring up their concerns appropriately.
- To continue to forge links and build on existing links with officers/staff of the Council in order to work better together.
- To continue to learn about the functions/legal framework of Local Government.
- To support my Group Leader and other Councillors.

Signature Of Councillor: Marianne Cowpe

Date: 28th May 2025