



**VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – MAY 2023 – MAY 2024**

Name of Councillor	Emma Goodjohn	Group	Labour
Ward	Dyfan	Date Last Elected	May 2022

Council Positions / Committee Memberships Held (May 2023 – May 2024)

Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee
Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee
Glamorgan Heritage Coast Advisory Group (Vice Chair)

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

Council representative

School Budget Forum
YMCA Trustee Management Board
Buttrills Community Association (Chair)
Highlight Park Community Centre
Highlight Park Neighbourhood Watch
Colcot Residents Association

Other (e.g. WLGA capacity)

Barry Town Council (BTC)
Planning Committee (BTC)
Halls, Cemetery and Community Facilities Committee (Vice Chair)
(BTC)

Constituency Activity and Achievements

This year I have been extremely busy supporting residents in Dyfan with a wide range of problems. Homelessness, housing, consultation and education have been some of the most challenging issues, with land maintenance and fly tipping.

I helped organise some very successful events this year including a Family Fun day where around 700 people enjoyed live music and sunshine at Buttrills Community Centre. Secured funding for the Warmspace which running alongside the Foodbank has been continuing to support the most in need, but also building a strong sense of community by tackling loneliness and isolation. The POD and POBL advisors have attended each week solving a wide range of problems and creating opportunities for visitors.

It has been wonderful to welcome The Hive Guys Youth Club to Buttrills and to have been involved supporting them with their amazing projects including the mural they produced with Hurts So Good, engaging with older members of the community and building life skills. Thanks to the Vale Youth Service for their fantastic work.

I am honoured to work with dedicated community members who volunteer their time to help support others. Volunteers who have also successfully gained qualifications through their volunteering. It has been a privilege to be involved with CLT+ project and help volunteers with disabilities overcome challenges and gain skills, confidence and develop to look for further volunteer and paid roles.

It has also been great to work with Value in the Vale providing further opportunity to give back to our volunteers, and to make Buttrills CC a Period Dignity Collection Point.

White Farm Park now has a Community Orchard Project and a land management plan and interaction boards (hopefully more to come). Working with residents, LNP and Welsh Government to make a beautiful usable space to engage and bring the community together. We have gained skills and knowledge whilst doing so. I will keep helping this develop and support volunteers.

As promised, I successfully spoke at VOG planning to oppose the incinerator, this is something I will continue to pursue.

Learning and Development

This section covers your Personal Development in your role as a councillor. You should include all training events that you have participated in and any developmental events that you have attended.

DATE	BRIEFING / TRAINING UNDERTAKEN	MANDATORY
Nov-23	Easy Conf Hybrid Meetings iDev module	Yes
28.06.23	Conflict Safety	No
05.07.23	Member Visit to CCTV Control Room - Barry and Cardiff	No
27.09.23	Prevent Training	No

03.10.23	Ask and Act Training	No
02.10.23 09.10.23 17.10.23	Emergency First Aid at Work	No
09.10.23	Dementia Memory Jar Café Meet and Greet	No
06.11.23	Planning training	No
30.11.23	Budget Briefing	No
01.02.24	Service Plans and Performance Targets Briefing	No
05.02.24	Treasury Management training	No
03.02.24 17.02.24 24.02.24	WLGA Progressive Leadership Programme for Councillors in Wales	No
21.03.24	Understanding and Using Performance Data (Data Cymru)	No
22.03.24	Effective Scrutiny Workshop	No
02.04.24	Colcot and Buttrills Recreational Site Inspection	No
15.11.23	Information shared with Members re Additional Personal Security Awareness run by WLGA	

Priorities For The Year Ahead

To develop a Community Speed watch programme in Dyfan promoting road safety.

Along with fellow Dyfan Labour Councillors support users of the bus service & work to obtain upgrades that are needed for some Dyfan bus shelters.

Continue to support youth activities, play provision, and play area upgrades.

Help to reduce antisocial behaviour using good working relations I have built working with Shared Regulatory Services the police and enforcement.

I will carry on rooting myself in the community attending resident meetings and being on hand to help.

Along with my fellow ward Councillors we will be organising surgeries so keep an eye on our social media and for us giving you a knock or dropping you a leaflet.

I am here to support and represent you, please get in touch on my email, telephone, or Facebook. I am also happy to arrange to visit you or meet for a cuppa and chat.

Signature Of Councillor: __E J Goodjohn____ **Date:** __03/06/24__