

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Aberbargoed

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Town Councillor for Bargoed and Trustee and Treasurer of Home Start Caerphilly. I am Caerphilly County Borough Council Armed Forces Champion and represent the Council at all functions regarding the military.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Planning Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bargoed Town Centre Management Group
Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee
Corporate Health and Safety Committee
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Army Benevolent Fund - Gwent
Armed Forces Community Covenant Champion
Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Gwent Archives Joint Committee
Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

I am a Governor at Aberbargoed Primary School

ATTENDANCE

From May 2014 to May 2015 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	12	12
Planning	8	12
Bargoed Town Centre Management Group	1	3
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel	2	3
Corporate Health and Safety Committee	2	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I undertook the following training and development seminars and courses: -

Planning Committee (Mandatory)
Planning Committee (Enforcement)
Planning Committee (Probity in Planning)
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Microsoft Upgrade IT Training

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

As Caerphilly Armed Forces Champion I attended regular meetings of our Caerphilly Forum and I was voted Vice-Chair of the Aneurin Bevan Armed Forces Forum for 2014-15.

I am a Member of, and attended regular meetings of the Reserve Forces and Cadets Association I also attended meetings with the Royal British Legion throughout the year regarding numerous partnership events. In March 2015 I was very proud to attend the ABF annual St David's Day Dinner Charity Event at Monmouth Castle and in April I attended the Official Opening of the Services Personnel Home in Bedwas. I also attended the 70th Anniversary of the Victory in England (VE Day) in Cardiff Castle.

My role as Armed Forces Champion means that I also assist in the organisation of events such as the Soldiers Flag Day Parade along with many others. I was also invited to attend the Royal Gun Salute for the Queens Birthday representing the 160th Royal Artillery Gunners and was very proud to have attended the presentation of the Royal Welsh Colours at the Millennium Stadium.

I was very pleased that all the hard work in restoring the Aberbarged Memorial Garden and Cenotaph was completed this year and look forward to its rededication on 7th June 2015. Special thanks to the children of Aberbargoed Primary School, Ysgol Brosanon, CCBC Community Regeneration Team, Aberbarged RFC and Morrisons Bargoed for their contributions to the event.

After working for some time to bring a Skate Park to Aberbargoed, my ward colleague Cllr K. Reynolds and myself were very proud to officially open this brand new facility for the benefit of the children and young people of the area.