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ELECTORAL WARD: Bargoed

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

I am a member of the Bargoed Chamber of Trade, Bargoed and District Branch of the Royal British Legion, the Bargoed and Blackwood Branch of the Royal Forces Associations and Secretary of the Cartref Community Hall. I was Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council for 2014/15.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Planning Committee (Chair)
Appeals Panel (Disciplinary/Grievance)
Audit Committee
Caerphilly Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bargoed Town Centre Management Group
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel
River Rhymney Task Group
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

South East Wales Transport Alliance

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Heolddu Comprehensive School
St Gwladys Junior 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>
Audit Committee	2	4
Bargoed Town Centre Management Group	2	3
Caerphilly Standing Advisory Council for RE Council	1	3
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel	0	2
Planning Committee	10	13
River Rhymney Task Group	1	1
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	2	4

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Constitution (Mandatory)
Planning (The Planning Bill)
Information Governance (Mandatory)
Appeals (Mandatory)
Planning Committee (Annual)
Planning (Probity)
Webcasting
Planning (Enforcement)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I no longer hold surgeries, my constituents prefer to call, (I operate an open door policy) email, or phone and if a personal visit is required I try to attend on the same or next day.

During 2014/15 I was very honoured to be elected as Mayor for Caerphilly County Borough Council and mayoral duties did have an impact on my ability to attend certain Council meetings. I would like to thank my ward colleagues for helping me with my constituency duties throughout this very busy period.

Some of the functions and events where I represented Caerphilly County Borough Council included the launch of the Centre for Sporting Excellence in Ystrad Mynach, the Royal Garden Party in London and the Service of Remembrance for the 1901 Colliery Disaster. I attended a Charity Concert in aid of the Noah's Ark Appeal, the official opening of the Aberbargoed Fire and Rescue Station, the Wales Young Enterprise Finals, Celebration of Achievement in Community Education, Armed Forces Day, Independent Living Skills Award Presentation, the Sport Caerphilly Legacy Games and the Charity Concert by the Ebbw Valley Brass and Hengoed Ladies Choir. We

were very proud to welcome HRH the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to the Borough in July last year, when they visited the National Mining Memorial and Aber Valley Heritage Centre.

Throughout last year I was very proud to have been able to attend a number of events commemorating World War 1, including services at Llandaff Cathedral, Caerphilly Castle, the fantastic exhibition at the Winding House Museum, New Tredegar, the WW1 Commemoration Production by Lewis School Pengam at Blackwood Miners Institute and laid wreaths at Remembrance Services in Bargoed, Maesycwumner, Fochriw and Caerphilly.

I also took part in the 'Ice Bucket Challenge' in order to raise funds for my nominated charities the Royal British Legion and Caerphilly Homestart and I am very pleased to say that during my year as Mayor £10,000 was raised for these charities and I would like to thank everyone that organised an event and made a donation.

I also made numerous presentations of flowers to Caerphilly Residents celebrating Diamond and Golden Wedding Anniversaries and 100th Birthdays.