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ELECTORAL WARD: Maesycwmmmer

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PROFILE:

Cabinet Member For Social Services and Child Poverty Champion

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Cabinet
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee
Appointments Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Joint Consultative Committee
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee
River Rhymney Task Group
View Point Panel
Voluntary Sector Liaison Group
Community Council Liaison Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Wales Biodiversity Steering Group - Welsh Local Assembly Government Appointment
Caerphilly Groundwork Trust - Board of Directors
Community Furniture Enterprise – Chairman of the Board of Directors
South East Wales Rivers Trust – Vice Chairman

Cross Party Committee on Waterways
Children and Young Peoples Partnership
Gwent Frailty Joint Committee
Health Social Care and Well-being Partnership

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

I am Chairman of Governors for Maesycwmmmer Primary School and Vice Chair of Governors for Lewis Girls 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>
Appointments Committee	1	1
Cabinet	24	26
Council	11	12
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	2	2
Joint Consultative Committee	4	4
Rights of Cabinet Committee	1	1
River Rhymney Task Group	1	1
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	4	4

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Webcasting	Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Constitution (Mandatory)	School Categorisation (Seminar)
Appeals Panel (Mandatory)	Website Re-Launch (Seminar)
Appointments Committee (Mandatory)	Collection Services (Seminar)
Pensions Compensation Committee (Mandatory)	20mph Zones (Seminar)
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee (Mandatory)	
Roles and Responsibilities of Cabinet Members (Recommended)	
Microsoft Upgrade IT Training	

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Cabinet Member for Social Services, I act as the Cabinet expert in these areas, ensure that the views and needs of the service are built into the Council's policy framework and the decision making process. I attended 6 Scrutiny meetings where I regularly updated other Members about my key portfolio activities.

During 2014/15, the Council identified Safeguarding Children as one of its Improvement Objectives. In doing so we are committed to ensuring children and young people who are looked after by Caerphilly County Borough Council are supported to achieve their full potential. I attended the opening of a new facility for single homeless people at Ty Croeso, Newbridge. I attended the Celebration of Achievement Awards in partnership with Blaenau Gwent. This was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements of staff at all levels and to publicly thank them for their hard work and commitment. I also had the pleasure of starting the "Walk a Mile in her Shoes" walk around Caerphilly Castle, drawing attention to the White Ribbon Campaign against domestic violence towards women.

Carers from the South East Wales Adult Placement Scheme managed by Caerphilly CBC won a National Gold Award at the Care Forum Wales Awards.

During February 2015 I attended events to celebrate the achievements of almost 100 of the Authority's looked after children. I updated Scrutiny Committee on the national and local reports with regard to safeguarding and care planning of looked after children and care leavers who exhibit vulnerable or risky behaviours.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries my constituents prefer to contact me in person and by telephone and email.

As Cabinet Member for Social Services and Child Poverty Champion I am extremely busy with my portfolio responsibilities and attend meetings with Health Boards, Welsh Government, Children and Young People Partnership and the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Partnership.

I am actively involved in the Community being a Community Councillor, Chairman of the Village Partnership, and Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

As do all local Councillors, I dealt with personal enquiries to supply references for people, passport applications and provide advice on where to find help and support for people experiencing financial difficulties.

I worked closely with the Police in the area and the local CSO Officers, attended PACT meetings and I am on the OWL electronic system.

I have made referrals with regard to highways, environmental and health and social care issues on behalf of my constituents.

I was also Secretary of Maesycwmmmer Angling Club.