

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2015 - MAY 2016



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** St. Martins

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

**PROFILE:** I have had the privilege of representing the residents of St Martins Ward since 1999 and the residents of Caerffili Town since 1995 (Town Council).

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Planning Committee  
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee  
Audit Committee (until June 2015)

## **SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS**

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Caerffili Town Council  
Twyn Community Centre Chairperson  
St Johns Ambulance Caerffili Branch

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Cwrt Rawlin Primary School Chair of Governors  
Ysgol Gymraeg Caerffili Chair of Governors

## **ATTENDANCE**

From May 2015 to May 2016 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Audit Committee	1	1
Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group	2	3
Council	8	12
Crime and Disorder	0	2
Policy and Resources	4	8
Planning	9	14

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Planning Committee (6 Monthly Update)

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

During the year my time as a Councillor has been divided into the meetings stated above but I also attended: -

Monthly Town Council meeting and continued to assist with the organisation of the Fireworks Display and Christmas Lights events, I also to co-ordinate the Caerffili Flower Festival for 2016. Set up PA systems for significant events such as Remembrance Sunday and the schools remembrance held on the Friday immediately before at Caerphilly Cenotaph.

Neighbourhood Watch meetings and I am pleased to say that the 'No Cold Calling Zones' we worked to establish last year have now been fully implement.

As a School Governor I attended at least two meetings each term (for each school) together with additional meetings for appointments, finance and health and safety, buildings maintenance visits, school learning walks.

Monthly Management meetings for the Twyn Community Centre as well as taking a keen interest in the refurbishment programme that older buildings inevitably need.

Your Voice (Police and Communities Together) meetings and police surgeries.

I took part in the Keep Wales Tidy Initiative by litter picking with a team of volunteers and together we also continue to keep a vigil to clear pond weed from the balancing lake at Castle View.

I also acted as a Responsible Individual for the after school and holiday club, Clwb Cwrt Rawlin" this is a club run separately from the school and is registered through CSSIW.

Last year I made representation on behalf of the residents in my ward in opposition to the inclusion of the Nant y Calch/ NESS site within the Deposit LDP.