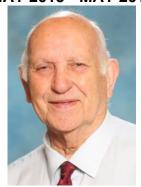
# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**MAY 2015 - MAY 2016** 



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**ELECTORAL WARD**: Argoed

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** In 2015-16 I was very proud to be Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council. I am a Freeman of the City of London, a Freeman of Islwyn Borough, Community Councillor for Argoed and Chairman of Argoed Community Hall.

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council

Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee Planning Committee

## SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee

# **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Markham Primary School

#### **ATTENDANCE**

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

Meeting	No. Attended	No. Held
Council	11	12

Community Council Liaison Sub Committee	0	3
Health, Social Care and Wellbeing	0	8
Planning	4	14
Hospital Discharge Task and Finish Group	1	4

## TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Probity in Planning
Treasury Management (Seminar)
Information Governance
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Planning Committee (Annual)

#### **ACTIVITY AS MAYOR OF CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

At the AGM in May 2015 I was very proud to have been elected Mayor for Caerphilly County Borough Council, this was a huge privilege for me but also meant that due to the number of civic functions within the year I was not able to attend as many Committee meetings as I usually would, I attended 316 events over the last twelve months including: -

Royal Garden Party

Urdd Opening Concert, Crowing Ceremony and Message of Peace and Goodwill

1901 Senghenydd Memorial Services

Hafal Summer Campaign Event

Young Ambassador Celebration Days

Presentation of Colours to The Royal Welsh by HRH The Queen

Young Enterprise Finals

Armed Forces Day

Launch of New College, MPCT at Raglan Barracks

Partnership Awards Evening for Community Education

20th Anniversary Concert for Caerphilly Community Choirs

The Dragon Challenge Presentation of Awards

Presentation of Awards to Young Firefighters

Visit to General Dynamics by HRH The Prince of Wales

Presentation of the Queen's Award for Volunteering

Service of Thanksgiving – 70th Anniversary V J Day

Voluntary Sector and Civic Award Ceremony

Macmillian Coffee Mornings

Universal Colliery Disaster Memorial

Caerphilly Library Summer Reading Challenge

Remembrance Services

Contemporary Young Musician of the Year Finals

Citizenship Ceremony

Carol Services and Christmas Concerts

Pride in Your Place Event

St David's Day Celebration

National Holocaust Memorial Day Service Launch of Velvet Coalmine Literature Festival Diamond and Golden Anniversary and 100th Birthday presentations of flowers.

My Charities for this year were Ty Hafan and MacMillan Cancer Research and we raised over £17,000. My thanks to all those that contributed or held fund raising events in the last 12 months it was a fantastic effort from everyone involved.

# **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I held monthly surgeries at Markham Chapel and did a weekly walk through the villages in my ward. My constituents are welcome to contact me by telephone, email and in person.

I requested Planning Site Visits in relation to Wind Turbine planning applications in the ward.

I worked with Officers to try and resolve ward issues and assisted residents as and when needed on various issues including housing and highways.