

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2015 - MAY 2016



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Aberbargoed

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Town Councillor for Bargoed. 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  
Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

I am a Governor at Aberbargoed Primary School

## **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>
Council	10	12
Planning	5	14
Bargoed Town Centre Management Group	1	3
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel	2	3
Corporate Health and Safety Committee	3	3
Community Liaison Sub Committee	3	3

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Constitution (Mandatory)  
 Planning Committee (6 Monthly Update)  
 Community Council Liaison Committee (Annual)  
 Corporate Health and Safety Committee (Annual)  
 Health and Wellbeing Act (Seminar)  
 MHFA for the Armed Forces Community Course

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

### 1. Constituency Activity's

I worked to get a camera installed at our play area to reduce antisocial behaviour (Completed).

With Gwent Police, Council Wardens, Parks Department, we worked together to stop Quads bike riders damaging our parks and play areas. (A new fence installed at the park entrance by the Village Clock)

I called a site visit with Cllrs K Reynolds, T Williams, Highways, and Cleansing Dept, regarding rear lane repair and Fly Tipping at Pengam Road (Completed).

Worked with Cllr Reynolds to provide a Skate Park in the village for our children. (Completed also provided a Safety Event and Demonstration Show for the Children with Prizes).

### 2. Armed Forces Champion

As the Forces Champion it had been another successful year with the help of our Communication Team, Lead Officers at CCBC and working with our partners - The Royal British Legion, The 203 Welsh Field Hospital, The Royal Welsh - we completed the Armed Forces Flag Raising Day in Newbridge, attended the Big Cheese and assisted in creating our Military Village.

I received request from residents in Fochriw to attend their Service of Remembrance, and also attended Aberbargoed Remembrance Service which I organise every year. My thanks to Saint Peters Church and Hills Community Church who provide the services every other year.

This year was a special one for me, as I was approached by the Royal British Legion who held the South Wales Armed Forces Day in Cardiff to see if I could help to bring the event to Caerphilly.

Working with Officers I am proud to say that Cabinet approval was given and the South Wales Armed Forces Day will be held in Caerphilly on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016. There have been numerous events held over the last twelve months and we are also anticipating our Armed Forces Flag Raising Day in Rhymney. I will look forward to next years Annual Report when I can update you on how these days went.