

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** St. Martins

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

## **PROFILE:**

I have lived in Caerphilly all my life having attended Twyn School then St Martins. It has been my privilege to represent the people of St Martins Ward at County level since 2004.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee

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

Corporate Health and Safety Committee

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

N/A

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

St Martins School

Twyn 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>
Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group	1	3
Corporate Health and Safety Committee	1	3
Council	12	12
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny	6	8
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	1	3

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Information Governance (Mandatory)  
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)  
Sustainable Development (Annual)

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

During the last 12 months myself and my other two Ward colleagues (James Fussell and Colin Elsbury) have held seven Ward Surgeries/Public Meetings, however we tend to concentrate on door to door contact with residents and have covered most of the ward during the year.

I also received regular contact and enquiries from residents via letter, e-mail or telephone. During the past 12 months I assisted residents on numerous matters ranging from planning, highways matters, parking issues, anti-social behaviour, noise and light pollution, drainage and environmental matters (dog fouling, litter, provision of litter bins, pollution). I attended meetings of a local residents association and liaised with them regarding issues that arise around the many events that occur within the town during the year. My Ward colleagues and I meet regularly with local Police Officers to discuss problems within the Ward, which also includes the town centre. We continually press for the return of a Police Station in the Town.

I have attended litter picking sessions on Caerffili Mountain and liaised with Council Officers to remove rubbish and to clean our Town Centre.

I helped with the annual town fireworks display and the Christmas lights switch on by placing lights around the Town in the evenings prior to the switch on and then during the day in preparation for the event.

My Ward colleagues and I have also been engaged with Residents on numerous occasions in respect of the Local Development Plan in an attempt to stop the building of houses on green field sites. We have held public meetings, spoke at Council and voted against the Plan.