

ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2016 - MAY 2017



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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
Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council (until July 2016)
St Johns Cymru Wales

ATTENDANCE

From May 2016 to May 2017 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	8	10
Planning	7	11
Bargoed Town Centre Management Group	1	2
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel	0	2
Corporate Health and Safety Committee	3	3
Community Council Liaison Sub Committee	0	2

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Corporate Health and Safety Committee (Annual)

Planning Committee (Annual)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

My Annual Report this year is completed with as much sadness as pride in memory of my Ward Colleague and Leader of Council, Cllr Keith Reynolds, who passed away this year. Many of the activities listed below we accomplished together and I was proud to have worked beside him for many years.

Since last year we had taken successful action against quad bikes riders who were damaging our parks and play areas my thanks to Gwent Police, Council Wardens and the Parks Department for their hard work and perseverance.

The Skate Park continues to be well attend by all ages within the community I continued to work and support this important community facility.

Along with ward colleague Cllr Keith Reynolds we opened three building sites last year, two at the school and a third at Aberbargoed Hospital site, and welcome the development of some much needed community housing.

Armed Forces Champion

As Armed Forces Champion I have worked hard with colleagues to see the success of the Armed Forces Day celebrations, which have been held in several towns throughout the borough including Newbridge and Caerphilly.

I continued to work with veterans with regard to access to housing and benefits, providing support where needed.

I represented Caerphilly County Borough at the Remembrance Day Service at Fochirw, Aberbargoed, Jubilee as well other venues through the borough.