

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Morgan Jones

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Morgan Jones

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council  
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee

## SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group  
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

## OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

## ATTENDANCE

From May 2017 to May 2018 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	13	13
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee	9	9

Caerphilly TCMG	0	2
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	2	4

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Induction 2017

Data Protection (Mandatory)

Information Governance

VAWDASV E-Training

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

These are the issues that I have worked on over the past year many of which are ongoing: -

I was very grateful to constituents of the Morgan Jones Ward for electing me as a County Councillor in May 2017. As a member of Caerphilly County Borough Council I attend all meetings of full Council where discussions are had regarding strategic policies and plans such as the Caerphilly Basin Masterplan and the City Region Deal. I also sit on the Education Scrutiny Committee which scrutinises reports relating to issues affecting education across the borough. I was happy to review and vote on a report regarding new school builds planned through the 21st Century Schools project. I'm a governor of Plas-y-Felin School. I try to attend as many meetings as possible when the meetings are not clashing with Education Scrutiny. The governing body are very friendly and work well together as a team. I've been working closely with the Head and other governors regarding the possible creation of a new school on the existing site.

I enjoy getting out and about in the community where I'm able to join ward colleagues in door knocking sessions. By speaking to people on the doorstep I find out if there are issues in the area which I help to solve. I aim to get around the whole of the ward and speak to as many residents as possible. However, I do also receive communication via e mail and telephone. Every enquiry I take up on behalf of a resident I try to solve or if that's not possible I try to direct to the relevant area. Since becoming a Councillor I've held many surgeries and will continue to do so as long as I'm Councillor. I always keep constituents up to date with my activities by providing regular updates via Facebook and twitter accounts. I have created a number of information videos via Facebook regarding the consultations such as the Caerphilly Masterplan.

I see improving the local environment as an important part of my role as a Councillor. I regularly walk around the ward making notes of overflowing bins, dog mess and fly tipping. When I pick up any issues I report to the relevant council department to resolve. I encourage the local community members to report overflowing bins and it has been a great success in areas surrounding the Castle. I continue to work closely with Keep Wales Tidy to help improve the local environment. Most recently myself and ward colleagues have been engaged with coordinating and tackling the problem of dumped rubbish around the back of

Gallagher Retail site. I will continue to look at ways to improve the local environment and work closely with Keep Wales Tidy, and all council departments.

I look forward over the next year to carry out my duties as a Councillor and I will try my best to represent all the constituents of the Morgan Jones Ward.