# ANNUAL REPORT

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Councillor Carol Andrews

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ELECTORAL WARD: Bargoed

PARTY: Labour

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Bargoed, Dementia Friend Champion

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council Democratic Services Education for Life Scrutiny Committee Planning Committee

#### SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bargoed Town Centre Management Group Community Council Liaison Sub – Committee Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel

#### **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Dementia Friend Champion St Johns Cymru Wales Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) (Education Achievement Service for South East Wales (EAS))

## SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Vice Chair of Heolddu Comprehensive School Governing Body

## ATTENDANCE

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

Meeting	No. Attended	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	9	13
Democratic Services	2	4
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee	8	9
Planning Committee	10	11
Bargoed Town Centre Management Group	1	2
Community Council Liaison Sub – Committee	3	3
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel	3	3

#### TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -Induction 2017 Data Protection (Mandatory) Planning Enforcement (Recommended) Affordable Housing and The LPD Planning 5 Year Supply Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (20.09.2017) **Treasury Management** Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (31.01.2018) Information Governance Effective Governance – Call-in Wellbeing for Future Generations Act (Seminar) **Regeneration Strategy Workshop** VAWDASV E-Training Welsh Local Government Association Leadership Programme Civil Parking (Seminar)

## **DEMENTIA FRIEND CHAMPION**

I was very proud to be appointed as the Dementia Friend Champion of the Authority and I will continue to raise awareness of dementia in Caerphilly in memory of my father in law, the late Councillor Harry Andrews MBE.

During the past year I have worked closely with Mandy Keenan, Policy Officer and Phil Diamond, Theme Lead, Gwent Health and Social Care Transformation Team and now chair

the Caerphilly Dementia Friendly Community Meetings. I attended the Gwent Dementia Strategy launch held in the Blackwood Miners Institute. I also attended two conferences (Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar – Priorities for Older People's Care in Wales – Funding, new models and working towards a 'dementia friendly Wales' and 'Building bridges across the generations' Intergenerational Conference). I was also pleased to attend the celebration event at Rhiw Sir Dafydd Primary school in Oakdale, in recognition of them becoming the first dementia friendly primary school in Caerphilly. I was also very proud to attend the launch of the Dementia friendly café in St Gwladys Church Hall, Bargoed.

## CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries as I am happy to be contacted at home, by phone, email or by my dedicated councillor social media accounts.

These are the issues that I have worked on over the past year many of which are ongoing: -Issues with Bargoed Post Offices, GP surgeries, vandalism at the ground of Bargoed Rugby Club and the Anti Social Behaviour at Morrison's. I have also dealt with parking issues, highway issues and assisted with residents needing help from social services and housing. I attended a litter pick in my capacity as Vice Chair and Link Governor of the Learning Pathways Centre at Heolddu Comprehensive School.

I was proud to represent Bargoed Ward and lay a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. I also attended the Armed Forces Day event in Bargoed.

I attend regular meetings with Gwent Police.