

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Twyn Carno

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Cabinet Member for Social Care and Wellbeing

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Cabinet  
Cabinet as Trustees for Blackwood Miners Institute  
Council

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

Community Council Liaison Sub – Committee  
Joint Consultative Committee  
Pensions Compensation Committee  
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Child Poverty Champion  
Corporate Parenting Group  
Corporate Safeguarding Group  
Young Offenders Service Local Management Board  
Gwent Regional Partnership Board  
Pen Bryn Oer Wind Farm Fun Advisory Group (Chair)

Youth Forum

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Upper Rhymney Primary School (Vice Chair)  
Idris Davies 3-18 School

## **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>
Cabinet	17	18
Cabinet as Trustees for BMI	1	2
Council	13	13
Community Council Liaison Sub – Committee	3	3
Joint Consultative Committee	3	3
Pensions Compensation Committee	2	3

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Aneurin Bevan Health Board (Seminar)

Induction 2017

Data Protection

21st Century Schools (Seminar)

Information Governance Training (Mandatory)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (20.09.2017)

Treasury Management

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (31.09.2018)

Effective Governance – Call-in

VAWDASV E-Training

## **CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY**

As Cabinet Member for Social Care and Wellbeing, I acted as the Cabinet expert in these areas, to ensure that the views and needs of the service are built into the Council's policy framework and the decision making process. I attended Scrutiny meetings where I regularly updated other Members about my key portfolio activities.

Along with my regularly scheduled committee, cabinet and council meetings during 2017/18 I also attended the following events and meetings:-

Pen y Dre Tenants & Residents Quarterly Meetings, National Care Home Open Day, New Executive Members Briefing – Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent, Regional Partnership Board Meeting, Regional Partnership Board Meeting, Mayor's Civic Service, Affordable Housing Road Trip, Visit by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, Young Promoters Project in Upper Rhymney Primary School, Visit to Caerphilly Children's Centre, Visit the Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly Youth Offending Service, Drop in at Ael y Bryn Community Centre with Community Safety, Patrol Ward with Community Safety, Visit to Community Resource Team and Joint Hospital Discharge Team, Visit to Brooklands & Twyncarn Day Centre, Visit to Ty Ni Children's Home, Meeting with Aneurin Bevan Health Board, Jobs

Fayre at Ael y Bryn Community Centre in Rhymney, Meeting Disability CanDO, Dementia Friendly Community Award to Grove Dental Practice, Islwyn High School Launch, Visit to Brodawel Residential Home, Brodeg Day Centre to Celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party, Corporate Parenting Group, Awards from Hafod Deg, WLGA Regional Induction Events, Social Services Policy Group Meeting – WLGA, BBC at Ty Idris Davies, World Mental Health Day, Present a Cheque at Helping Hands at the Top Shop, Youth Forum Conference, Mrs Dorothy Oliver 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Castle View Residential Home, Present Dementia Friendly Certificates at Shulman Ltd, Gwent Frailty Joint Committee, Voluntary Sector Awards Event, Meeting with Older Persons North Team, Carer's Rights Day, Meeting with Twinning Delegation, Visit to Trident Park, Visit to Transformation Team in Hafod Deg in Rhymney, Visit to Abermill Care Home, Abertridwr, Meeting to discuss Anti-social Behaviour in Rhymney Police Station, Wales Care Awards 2017 Gala Dinner, WHQS Environmental Programme Meeting, Looked After Children Event (Younger & Older), Meeting re Wind Power fund in Abertysswg Community Centre, Photo Shoot for Santa Appeal, Annual Prize Giving Ceremony at Rhymney Comprehensive, URV Meeting with Dawn Bowden AM, Meeting with the Stroke Association, Meeting re: Nelson Luncheon Club, Visit to Abermill Care Home for a resident 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Pride in Your Place Awards, Event on Outcomes for Children, Visit to Loftus Gardens and the Gaer Project, Meeting to Discuss Hidden Ambitions with Young People, Commonwealth Day – Flag Raising, Site Meeting to Six Bells Site, Meeting with Hospital Discharge Team, Afternoon Tea Drop in Event with Staff at Llancaiach Fawr, Rowan Place Community Event, RAF100 Event , Visit to Trinity Fields School, Official Launch of the Idris Davies 3-18 School and a Meeting with Ceri Smith from Alzheimer's Research UK.

I also met regularly with Heads of Service, Directors, the Chief Executive, Police and Crime Commissioner and Trade Unions with regard to my portfolio priorities.

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

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

I am a member of the Ael y Bryn Community Centre Management Committee and was also re-elected Secretary of the Pen y Dre Tenants & Residents Association. I am now also a Trustee of Rhymney Trust.

I continue to meet on a Quarterly basis with the local Tenants & Residents Association, the police, community safety, dog warden, environmental health and the housing team to discuss and deal with issues within the ward.

I met with Jeff Cuthbert Police Commissioner regarding community safety concerns in Rhymney along with our AM, MP and other Councillors.

Worked with Gerald Jones MP and hosted a Jobs Fayre at Ael y Bryn Community Centre.

Continue to do joint surgeries with our Assembly Member Dawn Bowden and Street Surgeries with our Member of Parliament Gerald Jones & Dawn Bowden. I also run monthly joint surgeries with the Community Safety Officer at Ael y Bryn Community Centre.

Work is still ongoing regarding the £4.2M Regeneration Programme at Rowan Place. I am also part of the Multi Agency Group to look at tackling the wider issues in this area. Over the coming months I will be working with residents to implement the Environmental Programme in this area.

Organised a remembrance service at our new memorial garden in Princetown and Tafarnaubach, honouring those who served in the two world wars.

I will continue to support local community groups and residents regarding issues affecting our area to ensure our place is a better place to live.