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ELECTORAL WARD: Llanbradach

PARTY: Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales

PROFILE: I am Leader of the Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales Group on Caerffili CBC. I am Vice-Chair of the Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council. I am also a member of the Llanbradach Partnership and Llanbradach Community Centre Management Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Democratic Services Committee (Chair)
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Future Generations Advisory Panel
Scrutiny Leadership Group
Standards Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Appointments Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Gwent Police and Crime Panel

Board of Undeb Credyd Plaid Cymru Credit Union
 Member of the Board of Caerphilly Groundwork Trust
 Member of the Trustee Board of Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Citizens Advice Bureau
 Member of the LGA Independent Group Executive (Group includes Plaid members)
 Lead Regional Peer - LGA
 Member of the IDeA Peer Clearing House
 Board Member (Chair) - via the Welsh Local Government Association – of Data Cymru
 (formerly Local Government Data Unit-Wales)

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni
 Ysgol Bro Sannan

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	10	10
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	1	2
Policy and Resources	7	7
Democratic Services Committee	4	4
Caerphilly Homes Task Group	4	6
Pensions Compensation Committee	7	9
Standards Committee	1	2
Scrutiny Leadership Group	4	4

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Democratic Services Committee (Annual)
 Policy and Resources (Annual)
 Partnerships/Scrutiny for Public Services Boards (Annual)
 Rent Smart Wales (Seminar)
 City Deal (Seminar)
 Treasury Management (Seminar)
 Policy and Resources (Update)
 VAWDASV E-Training

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold formal surgeries, as my constituents prefer to contact me in person or by social media, telephone and email.

Over the past 12 months I undertook the following constituency activities and achieved the following positive outcomes for my ward.

Llanbradach Primary Care (Health) Centre. The project continues to make progress, albeit much slower than I, or most other people, wanted. Planning permission has now been granted. This is however, subject to dealing with the bat population (four different species) in the Church Hall. I have been attending meetings of the Llanbradach Project Board, under the auspices of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and also chair meetings of the Public Engagement Group. Depending on the bat situation construction should start this year.

Llanbradach Calendars. I have again worked with Andrew King to produce the Llanbradach Past and Present calendars. Sales of this year's calendars have raised several hundred pounds towards Christmas lights in Llanbradach and Pwllypant and money has also gone to a variety of charities and local organisations providing activities for our young people.

Llanbradach Partnership. I continue to be a member of the Partnership which is being regarded by Aneurin Bevan UHB as the voice of the public for the Primary Care Centre. Unfortunately the Partnership has not been very active recently.

Newsletters. Together with Councillor Gough and other colleagues, I have distributed newsletters on various subjects to various groups of residents.

Llanbradach Football Club. I give support wherever possible to the club which continues to function successfully, running several teams from Under 8s to under 18s. It is good to see that the club now welcomes girls as players, in addition to the boys. The club received a bi-annual visit from AFC Servel in Lannion, Brittany, as part of a twinning arrangement which has lasted for 20 years now. Moves are being made to re-establish links with our twin village of Ploubezre.

Schools. I keep in touch with both local schools and support their activities whenever possible.

Pwllypant Roundabout. As residents will be very much aware the improvement scheme on the roundabout has been ongoing for some time. Unfortunately the kickback from the work has caused a lot of issues in the village due to traffic diverting from the by-pass. Rob Gough and I are very aware of the extra pressure this will put on traffic in the village and we have pressed highways officers to take appropriate action to discourage motorists from diverting. It is possible that more measure will be taken depending on the ongoing issues.

Garth Owen. I keep in touch with staff at the house which provides much needed accommodation for 16 and 17 year old youngsters who cannot live at home for a variety of reasons. The home, which is run by Llamau, is always willing to explain more about their work to interested visitors.

Twinning Activities. I have again represented Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council on the Caerffili and District Twinning Association. The Association are looking forward to a visit from Lannion and Ploubezre which is taking place in July, 2018. New members are always welcome. You are welcome get in touch with me if you would like further details.

