

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2017 - MAY 2018



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Hengoed

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Hengoed

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee  
Democratic Services  
Licensing and Gambling Committee  
Taxi and General Committee

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

Licensing and Gambling Sub Committee  
Taxi and General Sub Committee  
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Corporate Parenting Group  
Corporate Safeguarding Group

## **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	11	13
Health Social Care and Wellbeing	7	8
Democratic Services	3	4
Taxi and General Committee	2	3
Taxi and General Sub Committee	1	1
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group	1	2

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Induction 2017

Data Protection

Planning Training (Recommended)

Information Governance Training (Mandatory)

Affordable Housing and The LPD

VAWDASV E-Training

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

There have been a variety of issues that I have dealt with since being elected as Councillor for Hengoed and Cefn Hengoed.

On behalf of the community I was asked to organise a number of public meetings regarding a proposed housing estate next to Carn Gethin estate in Cefn Hengoed. I helped the Committee organise a facebook page to keep people informed of meetings and other issues that may arise.

I have liaised with residents of Trem yr Afon acting as a mediator between the developers and the residents over issues surrounding road adoption.

Both of these issues are still on-going.

I have been involved with a number of other issues including:-

Anti-social behaviour

Housing issues - including missing bins.

Overgrown pavements, hedges and brambles

Road and drain repairs

Contacting outside organisations on behalf of residents.

I took part in elections for the Youth Champion and wish the successful candidate all the best in his endeavours.

I have assisted and was successful in an application for funding for the Croeso Club in Cefn Hengoed which enabled them to continue with their Extend exercise classes and I am in the process of helping the Cefn Hengoed Pensioners with a funding application.

I have attended book readings in Primary Schools and helped out at the Christmas Fayre in Ystrad Mynach alongside my Community Councillor Colleagues.

I am thankful to the Croeso Club who organised the Pantomime at the Lindsay Club in Cefn Hengoed, which I attended and I know, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It's an opportunity for families to attend a festive activity which might otherwise not be possible.

Both myself and my ward colleague Councillor Teresa Parry organised a summer day trip to Porthcawl for families in our community.

Even though I have had a number of personal issues arising in my first year I hope I have tried to serve my community to the best of my ability.