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ELECTORAL WARD: St. Martins

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE:

I'm privileged to have been a Caerphilly Town Councillor since 2008 and a County Councillor for St. Martins Ward since 2009. I have lived in the ward for most of my life, having attended both Twyn Junior School and St. Martins Comprehensive School.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Audit Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group
Caerphilly County Borough Council Car Parks Task and Finish Group
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Scrutiny Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
(Sub committees: HR & Equalities, ICT)
Sight Cymru

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Governor at St. Martins Comprehensive 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>
Council	9	13
Regeneration and Environment	7	8
Audit Committee	3	5
Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group	2	2

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Induction 2017
Data Protection
Information Governance Training (Mandatory)
VAWDASV E-Training

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

During the last 12 months myself and my other two Ward colleagues (James Fussell and Steve Kent) have held four Ward Surgeries/Public Meetings, however we tend to concentrate on door to door contact with residents. We have covered most of the ward during the year.

I also received regular contact and enquiries from residents via letter, e-mail or telephone. During the past 12 months I assisted residents on numerous matters ranging from planning, local development plan, highways matters, parking issues, anti-social behaviour, noise and light pollution, drainage and environmental matters (dog fouling, litter, provision of litter bins, pollution). I have also helped to set up a local residents association and met with 2 other local residents associations and liaised with them regarding issues that arise around the many events that occur within the town during the year. My Ward colleagues and I meet regularly with local Police Officers to discuss problems within the Ward, which also includes the town centre.

I have also arranged for and attended litter picking sessions on Caerffili Mountain, Castle View and the town centre and liaised with Council Officers to remove rubbish and to clean our Town Centre.

As a Governor of a school within the ward I attended full Governing body meetings every six weeks as well termly sub committees that dealt with finance, staffing, curriculum, building maintenance and school development.

During the year I also receive hundreds of emails a week from Council Officers and numerous other official bodies and voluntary organisations.

I am also the Honorary President of a local Children's Charity, Shining Stars, which organised events for physically and mentally handicapped children and their families.

As a Caerffili Town Councillor I helped organise the annual flower festival, Caerphilly in Bloom and the annual town fireworks display (This included working on the weekend of the display erecting the sound systems, barriers, dealing the road closures, the stewarding and helping set up the fireworks). For the Christmas lights switch on I helped in the placing of the lights around the Town in the evenings prior to the switch on and then during the day in preparation for the event.