

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Aberbargoed

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Brach Secretary for Aberbargoed Labour Party

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee
Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bargoed Town Centre Management Group
Town Centre Management Group
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee
River Rhymney Task Group
Heads of The Valley's Masterplan

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Town councillor representing Aberbargoed on Bargoed Town Council
MP Wayne David's Town Centre Improvement Group

SCHOOLS

Chair of Governors at Aberbargoed Primary School

ATTENDANCE

From May 2018 to May 2019 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

| <u>Meeting</u> | <u>No. Attended</u> | <u>No. Held</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Council | 10 | 11 |
| Education for Life Scrutiny Committee | 8 | 9 |
| Bargoed Town Centre Management Group | 1 | 2 |
| Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee | 4 | 4 |

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Education for Life Scrutiny (Annual Refresher)
Sports and Active Recreation Strategy (Seminar)
Universal Credit (Seminar)
New Curriculum and Performance Indicators for Education (Recommended Training)
Holding Effective Pre-Meetings (Requested Training)
Gwent Police Station Closures (Seminar)
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee (Annual Refresher)
Civic Parking Enforcement (Seminar)
Schools Causing Concern (Recommended)
Equalities & Diversity (Requested)
Admissions and Complaints – Education (Recommended)
County Lines (Recommended)
Advanced Charing Skills (Recommended)
Treasury Management (Seminar)
Dementia Friendly Information session / Dementia Awareness session
Development programme on the Importance of Questioning Skills
Medium Term Financial Plan
Schools Causing Concern
Corporate Safeguarding
Scrutiny Self Evaluation (workshop)
Performance and Improvement (member Development Programme)
Planning Training Programme
Equality and Diversity Training
Admission and Complaints (workshop)
Education Performance Indicators (seminar)
Communication, Influencing and Negotiating Skills

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

Events:

- Supporting the Rhymney Valley Music Club
- Working with the Aneurin Bevan Health Board in “Turning the Town Pink” to raise funding for cancer and in aid of funding for a new ‘Breast Care Centre’ at Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr

Activities

- Working with the Housing Department to address 23 issues regarding upgrading and repair issues to council properties.
- Working with the External and Internal Renovations project managers to address 42 issues under the Council renovations Programme.
- Urgently addressing serious anti-social behaviour and drug dealing/user issues concerning a particular property in Aberbargoed. The tenant has been removed from the property and all relevant issues have now been resolved.
- Anti-social behaviour caused by a specific tenant on a small local estate; the tenant has now been rehoused outside of Aberbargoed and all anti-social behaviour issues have been resolved.
- An unsightly Hoardings issue. The Hoardings have now been removed, the area cleansed and the issue is now resolved.
- Creating a new pathway and renewal of benches in the park area next to the skateboard park; this is currently being pursued.
- Working with Bargoed Policing Team and Caerphilly Community Wardens to address several criminal and anti-social behaviour issues.
- Working closely with the Civil Parking Enforcement Team and Enforcement Manager to address numerous issues concerning illegal parking.
- Issues with a local car park concerning tarmacking, parking bays and overgrowth. All issues are currently in progress.
- A serious drainage issue causing the flooding of two streets on a local estate, including the flooding of an adjoining car park, pavements, pathways and residents gardens. The gullies within the carriageway have been cleared and the issue now resolved.
- Serious issues regarding illicit and illegal dumping of rubbish and fly tipping. Many of the issues are resolved while others are still in progress.
- Traffic issues in 4 different locations where vehicles are illegally breaking the speed limit, causing damage, accidents and sometimes serious injuries. Speeding Orders are going through the legal process, equipment will monitor traffic speed flow and speed monitoring; the data will then be analysed to consider relevant traffic calming measures.
- Many re-housing issues, including residents who are homeless or sofa-surfing. Many issues have been resolved and others are currently in progress.
- Contacted Buckingham Palace for the Queen to provide a congratulatory card and message for an Aberbargoed couple who were celebrating their 60th Marriage Anniversary.