

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Pontllanfraith

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Mayor and Chair of Planning

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Planning Committee (Chair)  
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (Chair)  
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee  
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

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

Advisory Panel for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors (substitute)  
Corporate Health and Safety Committee  
Caerphilly Car Parks Task and Finish Group  
Pensions/Compensation Committee (substitute)

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Islwyn Bowls Club Management Board

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

Penllwyn Primary School and Pontllanfraith 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>
Corporate Health and Safety Committee	3	3
Council	11	11
Planning Committee	12	12
Policy and Resources Scrutiny	7	7
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	2	2
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	1	1
Pensions/Compensation Committee	2	6

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Corporate Health & Safety Committee (Annual)  
Planning Rules & Procedures (Mandatory)  
Nature Conservation – Planning (Recommended)  
The Importance of Questioning Skills (Requested)  
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)  
Corporate Safeguarding Briefing (Seminar)  
Planning Committee (Annual Refresher)  
The Appeals Process – Planning (Recommended)  
Gwent Police Station Closures (Seminar)  
Civil Parking Enforcement (Seminar)  
Planning Policy Wales & Technical Advice Notes (Recommended)  
Advanced Chairing Skills (Recommended)  
The LDP Process – Planning (Recommended)

## **CIVIC OFFICE ACTIVITY**

During 2018/19 I was very proud to be elected as the Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council. During the year I represented the Council and the people of Caerphilly at 177 different events including Caerphilly 10k, Live Vacancy Events, Armed Forces Day, Blackwood Beach Party, Caerphilly Big Cheese, the opening of Gilbert's Maze and Dragon's Den at Caerphilly Castle, Merchant Navy Flag Raising, Senghenydd Mining Memorial Service, a number of Remembrance Services including the National Service of Remembrance at Llandaff Cathedral, the Looked After Children Awards Evenings, the Four Counties Summer and Christmas concerts, Holocaust Memorial Day event, Commonwealth Flag Raising and an Easter Egg Hunt at Penallta House. I was privileged to attend a number of concerts throughout the year and heard the many talented residents of this borough. Along with these visits I also made presentations of flowers to Caerphilly residents who celebrated their Golden and Diamond wedding anniversaries and 100th Birthdays.

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

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

Worked with colleagues to seek the reinstatement of Post office Services at Pontllanfaith.  
Individual housing queries from existing tenants and applicants. Resolution of Planning queries following determination by committee and officers.

Issues regarding future use of Ty Pontllanfraith site and Sir Harold Finch Memorial Park.

Joining constituents in litter picking events, anti-social behaviour including police discussions with community, as well as meeting with the new Inspector at Blackwood Station.