

ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2018 - MAY 2019



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ELECTORAL WARD: Morgan Jones

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Morgan Jones

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group
Future Generations Advisory Panel
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Governor Plas-y-Felin 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>
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Council	10	11
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee	8	9
Caerphilly TCMG	0	2
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	2	4

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

The last year has been my second as a County Councillor and I feel that I have grown and developed further skills to enhance my role within the community. I have tried to speak to every single resident in the ward to discuss any new or ongoing issues. One of the major issues that I have dealt with is the Virginia Park housing application. Working with local residents and the Virginia Park Action Group I helped create a petition, 3000 word objection and spoke at a full planning meeting against this application.

Looking after the local environment is very important and I have reported numerous environmental issues such as overflowing bins, dog mess and fly tipping. For instance, I have pressed for action regarding the fly tipping around the Churchill Park estate, I have also asked for extra enforcement. Overflowing bins has been the number one reported issue; I have taken numerous pictures and reported these bins to waste management. I will continue to work closely with all council departments and Keep Wales Tidy to help improve the local environment.

I have had to make many difficult decisions over the past year due to tightening financial budgets. Even though there's been growing negativity surrounding these decisions myself and my ward colleague have worked tirelessly to try and find solutions. For example, after working with the local Taxi Association we have managed to reopen the toilets in Caerphilly Town. I will continue to fight for extra funding and facilities within the ward; we have successfully fought for and gained a new skate park in Morgan Jones Park.

I look forward over the next year to carry out my continuing duties as a Councillor and I will try my best to represent all the constituents of the Morgan Jones Ward.