

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** New Tredegar

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** I have lived within the New Tredegar area all my life and know the demographics of the local and county area.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

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

River Rhydney Task Group

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

The Learning Centre (Formerly Pupil Referral Unit)  
Youth Champion  
Youth Forum  
New Tredegar Partnership  
Community Councillor for New Tredegar Community Council  
Building Communities Trust (Phillipstown – Treasurer)

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Rhymney Comprehensive School

Phillipstown 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                          | 9                   | 11              |
| Health Social Care and Wellbeing | 7                   | 8               |

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

I have undertaken the following training and development: -  
Health Social Care & Wellbeing Scrutiny (Annual Refresher)  
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)  
Gwent Police Station Closures (Seminar)

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

Over the last year I have operated an open door policy, which allows any person who wishes to contact me to do so at my home, by telephone, email or through social network.

I have held street surgeries with my ward colleague Cllr Eluned Stenner, our MP Gerald Jones and our AM Dawn Bowden in various locations within New Tredegar, many of these street surgeries have also been attended by Caerphilly CBC Safety Wardens, who were able to solve many issues for residents on the spot.

When undertaking these surgeries we pick up various concerns from residents, including issues with anti-social behaviour, house repairs, highways issues, planning issues and many more.

Myself and Cllr Eluned Stenner have worked closely with Gwent Police over the last year with the reintroduction of the police station to New Tredegar, building up the relationships between the police and the community is an ongoing process which we are both committed to.

I have liaised with the fire service to highlight various issues of concern within the ward, and have made school visits with the Station Manager of Aberbargoed Fire Station to discuss the role young people have in their communities and how they can help to tackle fire crimes.

I have helped various groups within the area to look for and find funding to run various activities within the ward, and helped to support the few community buildings we have. I attend Residents Association meetings regularly within New Tredegar where again complaints are received and solutions sought for them.