

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Blackwood

PARTY: Independent

PROFILE: Ward Member for Blackwood

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Education for Life Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Blackwood Town Centre Management Group

Community County Liaison Sub – Committee

Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

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	11	11
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee	9	9
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group	2	2
Community County Liaison Sub – Committee	1	3
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel	1	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Corporate Safeguarding Briefing (Seminar)
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group (Annual Refresher)
Grants to the Voluntary Sector (Annual Refresher)
Universal Credit (Seminar)
Sports and Active Recreation Strategy (Seminar)
Civic Parking Enforcement (Seminar)
Education for Life Scrutiny (Annual Refresher)
Schools Causing Concern (Recommended)
Equalities & Diversity (Requested)
Treasury Management (Seminar)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

This year I have delivered regular yellow newsletters and given weekly up-dates on my Facebook Page to ensure that residents are fully informed of all the work that is being carried out in Blackwood. I have submitted a petition at Full Council and submitted written objections to Cabinet in relation to the proposed closure of Pontllanfraith and Cefn Fforest Leisure Centres.

I have facilitated a meeting with local businesses in relation to Business Rates and have assisted individual council tenants with tenancy related issues and liaised with the Council's Housing Team to resolve queries for individual residents in relation to the Welsh Quality Housing Standard Environmental Improvement Programme.

I have also spoken at Planning and objected to the proposed development at Heol Y Cefn and the development at the rear of Coronation Rd and Gordon Rd.

I have also been working closely with the Councils Highway and Cleansing Departments in relation to highway issues fly tipping and fly posting.