

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: St. Martins

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE: I have had the privilege of representing the residents of St Martins Ward since 1999 and the residents of Caerffili Town since 1995 (Town Council).

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Planning Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Councillor on Caerffili Town Council
Chair and Trustee of Twyn Community Centre
Chair of Caerffili yn ei Blodau / Caerffili in Bloom Group
Attend Cwrt Rawlin Community Group meetings

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Ysgol Gymraeg Caerffili: Chair of Governors
Cwrt Rawlin Primary: Chair of Governors

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	5	11
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	4	4
Planning	9	12

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I undertook the following training and development seminars and courses: -

Planning Rules & Procedures (Mandatory)

Corporate Safeguarding Briefing (Seminar)

Nature Conservation – Planning (Recommended)

The LDP Process – Planning (Recommended)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

Carried out ward surgeries in different locations within the ward, as well as met with specific residents with concerns or complaints on how to resolve their own problem, which are as diverse as any councillors' activities. They relate to planning matters, cleansing, road closures, school admission as examples.

Performed a number of litter pick days in conjunction with Keep Wales Tidy, Cwrt Rawlin Community Group, Caerffili yn ei Blodau and personally collect rubbish on a regular basis.

Entered Caerffili Town into Wales in Bloom competition for the first time in a number of years, and was very pleased to have secured Silver for the very first year that the voluntary group have been established. The group has carried out a number of litter pick days in Caerffili Town centre, and have breathed new life into the existing street planters, ensuring a colourful display throughout the year with a new planting regime and additional weed removal from the town centre.

Worked in conjunction with a number of other organisations to make a success of the Caerffili Town centre, including CADW, Craft Market at Castle Court, Castle Court manager, and have met with CCBC officers to ensure that the annual Lantern Parade continues after funding was withdrawn.

Duties that are engaged in addition as Town and Community councillor include: Annual Fireworks at Caerffili Castle, Remembrance Sunday, Annual Lighting up event, Lantern parade and coordinate annual flower display through the town as well as the Flower Festival.