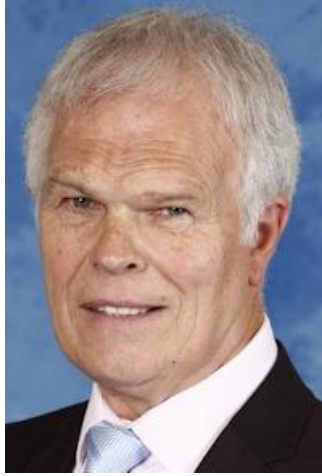


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MAY 2018 - MAY 2019



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ELECTORAL WARD: Llanbradach

PARTY: Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales

PROFILE: I am Leader of the Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales Group on Caerffili CBC. I am a member of Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council. I am also a member of the Llanbradach Partnership and Vice-Chair of the Llanbradach Community Centre Management Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Democratic Services Committee
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Future Generations Advisory Panel
Scrutiny Leadership Group
Standards Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Appointments Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Gwent Police and Crime Panel
Board of Undeb Credyd Plaid Cymru Credit Union

Member of the Board of Caerphilly Groundwork Trust
Member of the Trustee Board of Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Citizens Advice Bureau
Member of the LGA Independent Group Executive (Group includes Plaid members)
Lead Regional Peer - LGA
Member of the IDeA Peer Clearing House
Board Member (Chair) - via the Welsh Local Government Association – of Data Cymru
(formerly Local Government Data Unit-Wales)

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni
Ysgol Bro Sannan

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	10	11
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	2	2
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee	6	7
Democratic Services Committee	3	4
Standards Committee	2	3
Scrutiny Leadership Group	2	2
Appointments Committee	1	1

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Gwent Police Station Closures (Seminar)
Corporate Safeguarding Briefing (Seminar)
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (Seminar)
Civil Parking Enforcement (Seminar)
Policy & Resources Scrutiny (Annual Refresher)
Schools Causing Concern (Recommended)
Treasury Management (Seminar)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold formal surgeries, as my constituents prefer to contact me in person or by social media, telephone and email.

Over the past 12 months I undertook the following constituency activities and achieved the following positive outcomes for my ward.

Llanbradach Primary Care (Health) Centre. The project continues to make progress, albeit much slower than I, or most other people, wanted with yet more delays. Planning permission has now been granted. This is however, subject to dealing with the bat population (four different species) in the Church Hall. I have been attending meetings of the Llanbradach Project Board, under the auspices of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and also chair meetings of the Public Engagement Group. The project is now being re-

tendered. If the tenders are favourable construction is due to start towards the end of this year (2019)

Llanbradach Calendars. I have again worked with Andrew King to produce the Llanbradach Past and Present calendars. Sales of this year's calendars have raised several hundred pounds towards Christmas lights in Llanbradach and Pwllypant and money has also gone to a variety of charities and local organisations providing activities for our young people.

Llanbradach Partnership. I continue to be a member of the Partnership which is being regarded by Aneurin Bevan UHB as the voice of the public for the Primary Care Centre. Unfortunately the Partnership has not been very active recently.

Newsletters. Together with Councillor Gough and other colleagues, I have distributed newsletters on various subjects to various groups of residents.

Llanbradach Football Club. I give support wherever possible to the club which continues to function successfully, running several teams from Under 8s to under 18s. It is good to see that the club now welcomes girls as players, in addition to the boys. The club received a bi-annual visit from AFC Servel in Lannion, Brittany, as part of a twinning arrangement which has lasted for 21 years now. Moves are being made to re-establish links with our twin village of Ploubezre.

Schools. I keep in touch with both local schools and support their activities whenever possible. Pupils from both schools have been involved with wild flower planting. I helped Cwm Glas pupils to plant in the school grounds and the eco committee of Coedybrain planted their allocation of plants in the park

Pwllypant Roundabout. Everyone will know that the scheme has been now completed and people are generally happy with the new design. Unfortunately the scheme went way over budget which has been a source of criticism. Cllr Rob Gough and I are very mindful of the amount of problems the scheme caused for our residents and we sincerely hope that the newly designed roundabout will cope for many years to come.

Park and Ride. Residents will be aware of the proposals which were first mooted around the year 2000. Cllr Gough and I fully support the idea of persuading commuters to travel to Cardiff by train but are very concerned about the scale of the new proposals

Garth Owen. I keep in touch with staff at the house which provides much needed accommodation for 16 and 17 year old youngsters who cannot live at home for a variety of reasons. The home, which is run by Llamau, is always willing to explain more about their work to interested visitors.

Twinning Activities. I have again represented Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council on the Caerffili and District Twinning Association. The Association this year is celebrating 25 years since the agreement was signed in Ploubezre. New members are always welcome. You are welcome get in touch with me if you would like further details.