

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2019 - MAY 2020



Councillor Brenda Miles

**ADDRESS:** Penallta House  
Tredomen  
Ystrad Mynach  
CF82 7PG

**MOBILE:** 07875 379965

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [brendamiles@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:brendamiles@caerphilly.gov.uk)

**ELECTORAL WARD:** Nelson

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Nelson

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Audit Committee  
Education Scrutiny Committee  
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee  
Planning Committee

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

Pensions Compensation Committee  
Waste Review Working group  
Regeneration Board

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council  
Caerphilly Foster Panel

## **ATTENDANCE**

To view my attendance record, please follow the link below:

<https://democracy.caerphilly.gov.uk/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx?LLL=0>

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Ethics and Standards (Mandatory Training)

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (Seminar)

Equalities Act & Protected Characteristics (Recommended Training)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority (Seminar)

Provision of EAS Support to Schools (Recommended Training)

Audit Training (Annual Refresher)

Strategic Development Plan Workshop (Recommended Training)

Wellbeing of Future Generations Workshop (Recommended Training)

Corporate Safeguarding Awareness (Recommended Training)

Communications & Influencing Skills (Recommended Training)

Education Performance Indicators (Seminar)

Wellbeing Workshop – Education (Member Development Programme)

Questioning & Listening Skills (Recommended Training)

## **WARD ACTIVITY**

During lockdown I continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance during a difficult time.

### **Traffic, parking and highways**

I have continued to report issues, attend meetings and represent residents' views about parking, traffic and highways concerns, including at Mabon Road, Bwl Road, Shingrig Road and Caerphilly Road. I have provided information to residents on parking enforcement and traffic regulation orders.

### **Housing**

I have assisted individual residents with housing issues, including availability of suitable rental properties, refurbishment works, and issues with neighbouring properties.

### **Planning and development**

I have continued to monitor proposals for the Ty Du site and investigated residents' concerns regarding flooding and future risk of flooding. I met with the chief engineer for drainage and the planning officer and reported back to residents through my Facebook page and other social media channels. Throughout the year I have lobbied for more community involvement in the Ty Du development process. I monitor weekly planning applications received for the Nelson area.

### **Environment**

I have liaised with council officers to arrange for areas of the village to be cleaned-up, cut-back and maintained. I continue to report instances of fly-tipping and dumping as and when they occur. Where possible, I continue to raise concerns about Eglwysilan Common.

### **Community events**

As a community councillor, I have continued to help organise and run the regular programme of community council events, including the 2019 fun day, summer show, and children's Christmas event. Since the emergence of covid-19, I've been assisting with arrangements for online meetings, and preparing for the summer show to be run online in 2020.

### **Education**

I am an LEA appointed governor at Llancaeath Juniors and vice chair of governors. During the early part of the year, I regularly attended governor meetings, and various events at the school. Since the covid-19 disruptions, I have liaised with the head teacher and chair of governors to ensure the school has supported pupils and kept parents informed. I keep up to date with educational developments through governor training and the Governors Network.

### **Council services**

During the year I assisted a number of residents with accessing council services and resolving issues. As part of the council's public consultation on the medium-term financial plan, I was in attendance at the Nelson Library council-run session to hear residents' concerns in person, and I ran a separate evening session at the institute for those unable to attend the library. In order to protect Nelson residents' interests more broadly, I ensure that I keep abreast of new developments by regularly attending briefings and seminars on council strategies and proposals.