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ELECTORAL WARD: St Cattwg

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for St Cattwg

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Social Services Scrutiny Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Tir-y-berth Community Centre Management Group
Gelligaer Community Council

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Questioning & Listening Skills (Recommended Training)
Local Government Bill (Seminar)
Ethics and Standards (Mandatory Training)
South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority (Seminar)
Strategic Development Plan Workshop (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.

- Working in partnership with Gwent Police on disputes, safety issues, community issues and anti-social behaviour and undertaking regular street walks with our PCSO's
- I have helped and supported individual residents on a variety of housing issues and have attended meetings with them. I have also represented and supported residents addressing concerns with outside organisations.
- Supporting individual families around educational needs in schools and supported cases to council for additional support
- Covid 19 has been, and still is, one of the biggest challenges we face. I want to thank the residents for their hard work and co-operation during lockdown. I know for many this hasn't been easy but, I am really proud of our local residents who have assisted me in helping our community to come together in supporting each other. I helped many vulnerable residents ensuring they had adequate access to supplies and liaising with the volunteer group that CCBC set up at the start of lockdown. I held regular telephone and virtual chats with residents including a weekly check in and catch up with them, and I will continue to do this
- As a passionate advocate for mental health, I have helped signpost residents who are experiencing mental health problems to organisations across the Borough. I have received good feedback from residents who needed to chat about the impact Covid 19 is having on their mental health, and I am more than happy to continue to help signpost and talk to residents
- I worked closely with my ward colleagues, Cllrs Wynne David & Ann Gair, on the ongoing issues around dust, smells & planning concerns – which are ongoing. Bryn Group Liaison Committee meets quarterly discussing the concerns raised, either by ward members or residents. We continue to support residents liaising with a variety of related departments within the authority and outside organisations on the ongoing issues.
- As a member of Gelligaer Community Council I have supported and funded a variety of projects within St Cattwg Ward, and I am a member of the Tir-y-berth Community Management Group.
- I was proud and honoured to attend the remembrance service and take along my daughter to her first remembrance service at Tir-y-berth

On a personal note, I would like to thank those residents who have been extremely supportive when we were successful in adopting a little girl into our lives in 2019. Our daughter absolutely adores being part of our community and has thoroughly enjoyed

meeting various residents at community events. Thank you to those who have made her so welcome into our community

I am now contactable via facebook – Cllr. Carmen Bezzina and residents can also contact me via email and telephone.

I will, as always, continue to passionately support residents and our community going forward.