

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Pontllanfraith

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Cabinet
Cabinet as Trustees for Blackwood Miners Institute
Appointments Committee
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Corporate Health and Safety Committee
Corporate Joint Consultative Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES

Association of Public Services Excellence – Welsh Regional Committee
Catalogue Supplies Joint Committee
Citizens Advice Bureau Trustee Board
Domestic Abuse Champion
Joint Council for Wales
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee

Welsh Church Fund
Welsh Purchasing Consortium

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Bryn Primary School

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority (Seminar)
Education Performance Indicators (Seminar)
Civil Parking & Traffic Regulation Orders (Seminar)
Local Government Bill (Seminar)
Ethics and Standards (Mandatory Training)

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

Lockdown brought many new challenges to my Cabinet role, with daily updates and situations never before experienced.

As Cabinet Member for Corporate Services, I acted as the Cabinet expert in these areas, to ensure that the views and needs of the service are built into the Council's policy framework and the decision making process. I attended Scrutiny meetings where I regularly updated other Members about my key portfolio activities.

Along with my regularly scheduled committee, cabinet and council meetings during 2019/20. I also attended the following events and meetings:-

HR Strategy Group, Meeting with Delegate from Sri Lanka, Cabinet visit to Woodfieldside, photoshoot for Fostering Fortnight, Digital Leadership Group, ConnectEd meetings with staff, Voluntary Sector Awards Evening, CIPRA Awards Evening with Communications, Affordable Housing Road Trip, visit to Markham Leisure Centre, Community Engagement at Newbridge and Blackwood Libraries, photoshoot for LGBT History Month, visit to Bryn Primary Nursery Class with Leader of Council, Commonwealth Flag Day.

I also met regularly with Heads of Service, Directors, the Chief Executive, Police and Crime Commissioner and Trade Unions with regard to my portfolio priorities.

WARD ACTIVITY

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

I am Vice Chairman of the Penllwyn Partnership, which provides assistance to and identifies funding for local projects.

During the last year, together with my Pontllanfraith Councillors Mike Adams and Gez Kirby, I held monthly surgeries at Penllwyn Millennium Centre, Springfield Resource Centre and Islwyn Bowls Club. Constituents are welcome to contact me by telephone or email.

I have participated in numerous Council meetings, School Governors meetings and community based organisations as follows:

Bryn Primary School
Councillor/Police Liaison
Penllwyn Community Partnership

I worked with fellow Pontllanfraith Councillors and various Ward Councillors, Council Officers, Local Ward Police Officers and numerous other bodies to address residents' concerns in relation to the following matters:

Drainage problems throughout the ward
Grass cutting
Housing problems
Parking issues
Potholes/road repairs
Replacing stolen/vandalised signs