

# ANNUAL REPORT

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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  
Appointments Committee  
Standards 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  
Chair of the Board of Data Cymru - via the Welsh Local Government Association – (formerly Local Government Data Unit-Wales)  
Chair of the Caerffili and District Twinning Association

### **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymini  
Ysgol Bro Sannan

### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

### **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (Seminar)  
Education Performance Indicators (Seminar)  
Strategic Development Plan Workshop (Seminar)  
Audit Committee (Annual Refresher Training)  
Civil Parking & Traffic Regulation Orders (Seminar)  
Building a Healthier Gwent (Seminar)  
South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority (Seminar)  
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)  
Equalities Act & Protected Characteristics (Recommended Training)  
Ethics and Standards (Mandatory Training)  
Wellbeing Workshop – Education (Recommended Training)  
Local Government Bill (Seminar)

### **WARD ACTIVITY**

During lockdown I continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance during a difficult time. This has been carried out via email, phone and social media as appropriate.

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

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

**Llanbradach Surgery/Primary Care (Health) Centre.** I am sure that most, if not all, constituents know that construction on site has now started. Myself and ward colleague Rob Gough were particularly disappointed that, due to what were termed as ‘minor amendments’, the commitment to re-use some of the stone from the former Church Hall was dropped. This decision was taken by planners without our knowledge. Although we have both received an apology the apology does not re-dress what we strongly feel is a detriment to the new building.

I have continued to attend meetings of the Llanbradach Project Board, under the auspices of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and also chair meetings of the Public Engagement Group.

**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. A donation of around £400 is going towards the defibrillators and the balance to a variety of charities and local organisations providing activities for our young people.

**Llanbradach Partnership.** The Partnership is being used by Aneurin Bevan UHB as the voice of the public for the new Surgery/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 a variety of subjects to various groups of residents.

**Twinning Activities.** I have again represented Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council on the Caerffili and District Twinning Association and am presently Chairing the committee. This year (2020) we were planning to celebrate 25 years of our twinning agreement with Ploubezre in Brittany. Unfortunately these arrangements have had to be put on hold due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Hopefully we will be in a position to go ahead in 2021. New members are always welcome. Please get in touch with me if you would like further details, either by phone or email, as per my details above.

**Flooding.** It is sad to report that 14 homes in the village were flooded in January. Help for residents came from various sources including fund raising within the village aided by the generosity of our residents. We also received a donation from our twinned area of Ploubezre and Lannion in Brittany and a Breton person who used to live in Wales.

**Llanbradach Football Club.** It is good to see that the club continues to flourish and provides an interest for a very large number of youngsters - from under 8s to under 18s. The club was due to host a bi-annual visit from AFC Servel in Lannion, Brittany which sadly has also been cancelled due to the pandemic.

**Schools.** I keep in touch with both local schools and support their activities whenever possible. Together with other schools in the area our schools fell strangely silent in March

**Pwllypant Roundabout.** The newly designed roundabout appears to be working well, in spite of some road traffic reports that are broadcast at times. Hopefully the new scheme will cope for many years to come.

**Park and Ride.** Cllr Gough and I are still awaiting any firm proposals in relation to this scheme. We fully support the idea of persuading commuters to travel to Cardiff by train but are still very concerned about the scale of the new proposals which are just unacceptable to our constituents. Residents will be aware of the proposals for a small scheme which were first mooted around the year 2000.

**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, and also helps prepare young people to live independently. The home, which is run by Llamau, is always willing to explain more about their work to interested visitors.