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ELECTORAL WARD: Pengam

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Pengam
Leader of Council and Leader of Labour Group (until 20/09/19)

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet (until 20/09/19)

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners Institute (until 20/09/19)

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Corporate Joint Consultative Committee (until 20/09/19)

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Cardiff Capital Region Joint Committee (Regional Cabinet) (until 20/09/19)

Consortium of Local Authorities of Wales (CLAW) (until 20/09/19)

Local Government Association (until 20/09/19)

Welsh Local Government Association (until 20/09/19)

Welsh Local Government Association – Executive Board (until 20/09/19)

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Pengam Primary School

Fleur-de-Lis 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

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

Local Government Bill (Seminar)

South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority (Seminar)

Civil Parking & Traffic Regulation Orders (Seminar)

Strategic Development Plan Workshop (Recommended Training)

Education Performance Indicators (Seminar)

Date Protection eLearning Modules 1&2,3 & 4 (Mandatory Training)

LEADER OF COUNCIL

Whilst I was Leader of Council, I undertook a wide range of activities and represented the authority on several bodies.

The activities ranged from a meeting with the Boundary Commission Working Group to discuss the review of ward boundaries in the county borough to receiving a delegation from the Government of Sri Lanka.

I represented the interests of Caerphilly County Borough on organisations such as the Welsh Local Government Association, Cardiff Capital Region City Deal and the Caerphilly Public Services Board (PSB). The PSB involved working with partner organisations in the county borough such as Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Gwent Police and Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations to ensure the priorities of the PSB plan were on track.

As Leader I would meet regularly with other political group leaders, senior officers as well as political representatives such as Welsh Government Assembly Members, Members of Parliament and fellow local authority Leaders.

During my tenure I was delighted to have the opportunity to participate in a number of celebrations and events such as Armed Forces day in June 2019, the Primary School World Cup Football Festival, the Royal Visit to the Winding House and White Rose Primary School in New Tredegar and the Presentation of Awards to the Cadets at Aberbargoed Fire Station.

WARD ACTIVITY

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

Unfortunately the meeting of the Britannia, Pengam & Fleur de Lis Residents Association no longer take place. I miss this forum as it gave the community an opportunity to discuss issues with me.

A grant has been awarded to Caerphilly Council for safe routes to school; in this case Ysgol Cwm Rhymni. This will allow the traffic lights to be pedestrian controlled and for a refuge island to be installed in the main road. At the time of writing this report all crossings have been installed and the system is being checked and adjusted.

Covid 19 has dramatically changed the way that the Council is administrated with social distancing and a ban on gatherings means that meetings cannot take place. In these

uncertain times I am receiving inquires via telephone and emails which I am happy to receive.

I am pleased to receive emails, phone calls or mail but, at the moment, home visits to residents is not possible. I always respond to all such requests.