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ELECTORAL WARD: New Tredegar

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection (until 17/12/19)
Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance & Planning (from 18/12/19)

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet

Cabinet as Trustees for Blackwood Miners institute

Appointments Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Community Safety Delivery Group

Corporate Joint Consultative Committee

Rights of Way Cabinet Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Regeneration Partnership

Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership

South East Area Environment Group

South East Wales Strategic Planning Group

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Phillipstown Primary School
White Rose 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

Education Performance Indicators (Seminar)
Strategic Development Plan Workshop (Recommended Training)
Civil Parking & Traffic Regulation Orders (Seminar)
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Equalities Act & Protected Characteristics (Recommended Training)
Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (Seminar)
Local Government Bill (Seminar)

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

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

As Cabinet Member for Environment and Public Protection (until 17/12) and Finance, Performance & Planning (from 18/12), 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:-

Photoshoot for Fostering Fortnight, meeting with Hefin David AM to discuss Bryn Quarry, meeting with Friends of the Earth, Citizenship Ceremony, filming & ITV interview re Hafodyrynys, Open Day at Woodfieldside, Event at Caerphilly Castle with Lesley Griffiths AM, Armed Forces Day, Royal Visit to Winding House & White Rose Primary School, PSB Annual Conference, Launch of Education Strategy Conference, Meeting with Taxi Driver Association, Pride Event in Cardiff, Bryn Discussion Group, visit Furniture Revival Centre, Voluntary Sector Awards Evening, Affordable Housing Road Trip, EIB Meetings, meeting to discuss empty properties, Heads of Valley Masterplan, Viewpoint Panel meeting – MTFP, Community Engagement Events, Regeneration Board meetings, Brexit Working Group, Youth Forum Conference, WAO Assurance & Risk Assessment Workshop, Team Caerphilly Programme Board meeting, WLGA Finance Cabinet Members Network meeting via Teams.

I also met regularly with the Chief Executive, Directors, Heads of Service, 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.

Over the last year I have been contacted by many residents and very often the complaints are quite similar. These issues range from housing problems, anti-social behaviour, litter, fly-tipping, stray animals and dog mess. Details of complaints received are passed onto the

relevant Council Department to pick up, and on most occasions are deal with swiftly. However, there are occasions when complaints are not easily resolved, and this leads to working with other partners such as Police, Fire Brigade etc.

I operate an open-door policy and any persons wishing to speak to me can call at my home at any time (restrictions permitting). I can also be contacted by phone, email or social media.

I held street surgeries with Gerald Jones MP and Dawn Bowden AM along with my ward colleague, Cllr M Evans. I work closely with the relevant agencies to try and solve the problems that are presented to me.

I attended meetings with the local residents associations from all areas of New Tredegar where again complaints were received and solutions sought.

I attended regular meetings with New Tredegar Community Partnership where I am Vice Chairperson.

I also sit on the Board of Directors at White Rose Resource Centre where, along with other directors, we work to keep this facility open and thriving in New Tredegar. I was instrumental in setting up a meeting with other directors of the centre and the Post Office and this has lead to the Post Office opening on a Friday morning at the Centre, providing a service that is vital to the residents of New Tredegar.

I am also Chairperson of the Phillipstown Forever Fund working alongside Building Community Trust and, along with other members, attend monthly meetings.

I have close links with both primary schools within my ward. I am Chair of Governors at Phillipstown Primary School and a Governor at White Rose Primary School. These roles make me proud of the young people who attend both schools. Being a Governor gives me the opportunity to see these children develop and see what huge talent the children of New Tredegar have.