

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: St. Martins

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE: I have had the privilege of representing the residents of St Martins Ward since 1999 and the residents of Caerffili Town since 1995 (Town Council).

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Planning Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Councillor on Caerffili Town Council
Chair and Trustee of Twyn Community Centre
Chair of Caerffili yn ei Blodau / Caerffili in Bloom Group
Attend Cwrt Rawlin Community Group meetings

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Ysgol Gymraeg Caerffili: Chair of Governors
Cwrt Rawlin Primary: Chair of Governors (stepped down from chair at AGM) remain as Governor

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Planning Rules & Procedures (Mandatory)

Corporate Safeguarding Briefing (Seminar)

Nature Conservation – Planning (Recommended)

The LDP Process – Planning (Recommended)

WARD ACTIVITY

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

- Responded to the Covid 19 Requests for volunteers to help vulnerable residents with shopping, prescription collections and generally offering additional support to those who are shielding. This work is ongoing and has no end date at present.
- Posted notice to all Caerffili Town pharmacies giving contact details of St Martin ward councillors who can assist with delivery of medication where people had not registered via the county borough Buddy system. We are still receiving ad hoc calls to assist with these deliveries as well as the regular prescription runs.
- Carried out surgeries in different locations within the ward, as well as met with specific residents regarding concerns or complaints on how to resolve their problem's which are as diverse as any councillors' activities. They relate to planning matters, cleansing, road closures school admission as examples.
- Took part in a number of litter pick days in conjunction with Keep Wales Tidy, Cwrt Rawlin Community Group, Caerffili yn ei Blodau and personally collect rubbish on a regular basis.
- Entered Caerffili Town into Wales in Bloom competition and received Silver Gilt Award (an improvement on our last year's award) and won the category entered out of the whole of Wales. The group carried out a number of litter pick days in Caerffili Town centre and has breathed new life into the existing street planters to ensure a colourful display throughout the year, with a new planting regime and additional weed removal from the town centre.
- The Covid 19 lockdown has hampered our activities for the early part of the year but all looks promising as sponsors pledging support and new engagement from Transport for Wales.
- Worked in conjunction with a number of other organisations to make a success of the Caerffili Town centre, this includes CADW, Craft Market at Castle Court, Castle Court manager, and met with CCBC officers to ensure that the annual Lantern Parade continues after funding was withdrawn.
- Duties that are engaged in addition as Town and Community councillor include: Annual Fireworks at Caerffili Castle, Remembrance Sunday, Annual Lighting up

event, Lantern parade and coordinate annual flower display through the town as well as the Flower Festival.