

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Morgan Jones

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Morgan Jones  
Equalities Champion

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council  
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee (Chair)  
Partnership Scrutiny Committee

## SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group  
Scrutiny Leadership Group

## OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Equalities Champion  
Non-Domestic Rate Payers Committee (Chair)

## ATTENDANCE

To view my attendance record, please follow the link below:  
<https://democracy.caerphilly.gov.uk/mgUserAttendanceSummary.aspx?LLL=0>

## TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I undertook the following training and development seminars and courses:-  
Ethics and Standards (Mandatory Training)

## Local Government Bill (Seminar)

### **WARD ACTIVITY**

Over the last twelve months I've again concentrated on regular door knocking in the ward to meet with residents face to face. However, as the impact of pandemic has temporarily impacted on my ability to knock as many doors as I'd like, I've adapted to new ways of working. My ward colleague, Cllr Shayne Cook, and I have begun regular weekly walks around the ward to pick up issues that require reporting. We post to our social media page in advance of our walk to ensure local residents know where we will be if they would like us to pop by (when restrictions allow).

The pandemic has resulted in a large response rate for help and, since March, I have volunteered through the Council's Buddy scheme to support local residents. I've been making regular trips to provide shopping for vulnerable people who have been shielding and, with my ward colleague, helped to deliver 1,000 'kindness cards' across the ward.

I continue to engage with residents in all kinds of ways, particularly through email, telephone and Facebook, sending out both a weekly email and monthly video update.