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ELECTORAL WARD: Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Cabinet Member for Homes and Places (until 17/12/19/)
Cabinet Member for Homes, Places and Tourism (from 18/12/19)

I was first elected to represent the residents of Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen in September 2015. I have lived and worked in the ward for 14 years.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Cabinet
Cabinet as Trustees for Blackwood Miners Institute
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Homes Task Group
Corporate Joint Consultative Committee
Education Achievement Service Board Member

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Public Services Excellence (formerly ADLO) – Welsh Regional Committee
Care and Repair – Caerphilly
Consortium of Local Authorities Wales (CLAW)

Homeless Person Champion
Joint Council for Wales
Community Councillor on Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council
Bedwas Workmen's Hall Committee Member
Bridgend Allotments Committee Member
Graig y Rhacca Community Centre Committee (Vice-Chair)

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

I am a School Governor on Graig y Rhacca Primary & Nursery School
I am a School Governor on Bedwas High School

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Communications & Influencing Skills (Recommended Training)
Strategic Development Plan Workshop (Seminar)
Civil Parking & Traffic Regulation Orders (Seminar)
South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority (Seminar)
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)
Equalities Act & Protected Characteristics (Recommended Training)
Ethics and Standard (Mandatory Training)
Local Government Bill (Seminar)
Education Performance Indicators (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 Homes and Places (Homes, Places & Tourism from 18/12/19), 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:-

Caerphilly Homes Project Board Meetings, Constructing Excellence Wales Awards Evening, PREVENT Twilight Session, Active Homes Development in Neath, Cabinet Open Day in Woodfieldside, Veterans Employer Award, Open day at Parklands Bedwas, Afternoon Tea at Bedwas Infants School, Bedwas High School Art 7 Exhibition, Gardening Competition Presentation, visit to residents at Ty'r Fesen, Merchant Navy Day, Live Vacancy Event, Bedwas High School Presentation Evening, Period Dignity Event, Opening of Co-op in Machen, Voluntary Sectors Awards Evening, Affordable Housing Road Trip, Bedwas Writers Circle Event, Constructing Excellence National Awards, Viewpoint Panel, Destination Caerphilly Event, WSMP Executive Board Meetings, EAS Company Board Meetings,

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

I am an active member of Bedwas Workmen's Hall Committee, attending their monthly Committee meetings and their AGM and I regularly volunteer along with the other hard-working volunteers at the Hall, at the many events that are held there throughout the year.

Attended regular Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council Meetings. I am a Member of the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy Committee and the Council's Employment Committee.

I have attended various community related events and meetings within and outside the ward. Took part in regular litter picks and volunteered on a regular basis at the Riverside Walk in Bedwas at events organised by the Countryside Warden.

I helped organise the Remembrance Day Service in Bedwas, honouring those who served in the two world wars.

I will continue to support local community groups and residents regarding issues affecting our area to ensure our community is a better place to live.

I look forward to continuing to carrying out my duties as a Councillor and I will do my best to assist and represent any residents of the Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen ward.

For any residents wishing to contact me, I hold monthly advice surgeries (when restrictions allow) or I can be contacted via the telephone, text, e-mail or via my Facebook page which I set-up to update residents of the work that I am doing.