

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2019 - MAY 2020



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Hengoed

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Hengoed

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Audit Committee  
Education Scrutiny Committee (Chair)  
Appeals Panel

## **SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS**

Advisory Panel for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors (substitute)  
Community Council Liaison Sub Committee  
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee  
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group  
Scrutiny Leadership Group  
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council  
Governor Hengoed Primary  
Governor YGG Bro Allta

Hengoed Community Centre Management Committee  
Hengoed Crafters  
Hengoed Crafters Food Charity Distribution (FareShare)  
Gelligaer Community Council

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Questioning & Listening Skills (Recommended Training)  
Education Performance Indicators (Seminar)  
Communications & Influencing Skills (Recommended Training)  
Scrutiny Chairs Training (Recommended Training)  
Strategic Development Plan Workshop (Seminar)  
Audit Committee Training (Annual Refresher)  
Civil Parking & Traffic Regulation Orders (Seminar)  
Standing Conference on Religious Education (Annual Refresher)  
Building a Healthier Gwent (Seminar)  
Provision of EAS Support to Schools (Recommended Training)  
South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority (Seminar)  
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)  
Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (Seminar)  
Ethics and Standards (Mandatory Training)  
Wellbeing Workshop – Education (Recommended Training,  
Including Mindfulness and Self Esteem training)  
Communication influencing and negotiating skills (Training)  
Scrutiny Leadership Group (Training)  
WG and WLGA new evaluation and improvement (Seminar)  
Code of Conduct (Annual Mandatory Training)

## **EVENTS**

Live Vacancy event  
Special 6<sup>th</sup> Form Event  
Romany Art Exhibition by invitation  
Bargoed and District Art Exhibition at Llancaiach Fawr

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**

Visiting and Monitoring Training  
Equality and Diversity Training  
Mental Health Awareness Training  
Assessment and Development  
Effective meetings Training

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD**

From May 2019 to May 2020 my attendance at CHC meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Full Council	2	3
Scrutiny	3	3
Consultation Meetings	2	2

## **HOSPITAL VISITS**

Royal Gwent Night visit A&E  
Neville Hall Gynaecology Ward  
St. Woolos Sycamore Ward  
YYF Annwylfan Ward  
Welsh Ambulance Briefings

## **GELLAGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES (SOME)**

Opening of Ystrad Mynach Toilets  
Llancaiach Afternoon Celebrating local groups  
Ystrad Mynach Christmas fayre  
Armistice Day at Derwendeg School  
Green Cities Seminar  
Village Pantomime  
Planning a renewable energy project (Seminar)  
Petra Books Ysgol Penalltau Book Launch at Ysgol Cwm Rymni  
Family trip to Seaside - cancelled due to extreme weather conditions

## **ONE VOICE WALES**

Conference Llanellwedd  
Conference Llandrindod Wells  
All day event Llandrindod Wells

## **POLICE MEETINGS AND REGULAR UPDATES**

Meetings with Inspector O`Keefe  
Meeting with Emma Sowrey  
Meetings with Jenna Price  
Meeting with Paul Biggs

## **WARD ACTIVITY**

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

- Organising Food distribution from food Charity FareShare Cymru
- Planning issues regarding Tiryberth Farm Cefn Hengoed
- Planning objections
- Planning applications
- Illegal tree felling
- Completion of Cycle track at Cwm Calon/Ystrad Mynach
- Drug use and dealing of drugs in the area.

- Cleansing issues
- Dog Fouling
- Neighbour disputes
- Environmental health issues (garden clearances)
- Empty Properties
- Vandalism
- Street Lighting
- Weed control

Attended Cefn Hengoed Ladies Choir evening  
 Cefn Hengoed pensioners Christmas events  
 Mayors Christmas Concert evening  
 Mayors New Citizens event

### **SUCCESS STORIES**

Second year at The War Memorial at Derwendeg School. A truly wonderful tribute to those who lost their lives and whom we will never forget. Many thanks to pastor Steve Darby for the service and to the headmistress Mrs Wangiel for the use of the school hall and for Caffi Calvery who supplied the refreshments, supported by Gelligaer Community Councils Chair Cllr, Judith Pritchard. My ward colleague Cllr Donna Cushing and I are very proud and grateful to all who contributed.

The opening of Ystrad Mynach toilets has been a great success after the closure by CCBC. The overwhelming response from residents and visitors has been so grateful and positive. Disappointingly there were thefts of the very large toilet tissue rolls in the dispensers, and they had to be changed to discourage further thefts.

The Planning application for 131 homes at the site of Tiryberth Farm field adjacent to Carn Gethin was successfully fought by local councillors and residents. The application was then rejected by the planning committee of CCBC.

Bus stop markings were agreed and are now in place in Park Road opposite the entrance to the train station car park. Commuters were blocking this bus stop making it impossible for buses and in particular the school bus to pull in so that school children could safely alight. With the markings in place enforcement can now take place.

Cllr Cushing and I have worked with officers on the WHQS environmental program to have the following improvements confirmed for our ward, many of which are ongoing and may take some time to complete due to the current COVID 19 pandemic.

### **Cefn Hengoed**

- Fencing on Birch Crescent
- Pottery Lane Clean up
- Lansbury Avenue lane and pathways cleaned up
- Outdoor Gym
- Skate Park renewed
- Dog Bins

- Fencing on Football field play area
- Fencing on Pottery Lane
- Rocks
- Bus Shelters
- Overgrowth removed on edge of Lansbury Avenue
- Settlement Signs

## **Hengoed**

- Paint Knee Rails – Hill View and Heol Dewi
- Replace 3 benches & Remove Ashgrove benches
- Cut back overgrowth on Myrtle Grove
- Bus Shelters
- Dog Bins
- Hengoed Park – Junior play
- Lane and land at the Back of Hawthorne Avenue cleaned up
- Land at the back of Beech Grove cleaned up and pathway improved.
- Bus Shelters