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ELECTORAL WARD: Pengam

PARTY: Independent

PROFILE: Ward Member for Pengam Ward

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Future Generations Advisory Panel (disbanded on 23/10/19)

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Trustee – Cefn Fforest & Pengam Ecopark

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ethics and Standards (Mandatory Training)
Education Performance Indicators (Seminar)

WARD ACTIVITY

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

I do not hold surgeries as my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone and email.

From May 2019 to March 2020 was pretty much business as usual and I dealt with a range of issues from street lighting and housing to fly tipping and illegal tree felling. However, things changed significantly in late March this year in the advent of the Covid-19 coronavirus outbreak. Many of us needed to either self-isolate due to having Covid-19 symptoms or shield ourselves from the possibility of contracting this terrible disease. As an asthma sufferer I understand how concerning the situation has been for many of you.

I am very pleased to note that most of us in the Pengam ward adhered to Welsh Government guidelines and maintained social distancing. Our local shops and businesses have found it extremely difficult over the last few months. Many are doing all they can to continue serving us to the best of their ability. Please continue supporting your local high street, they have served us well during these difficult times and will need our support and patronage even more in the future.

Our council has been exemplary in their response to this coronavirus outbreak and I can't praise them enough. Many councils across the UK saw an impact to frontline services. Not so in Caerphilly county borough! I have nothing but admiration and gratitude for all our frontline staff who have worked selflessly and tirelessly to keep us going during these exceptionally challenging times.

It is likely that Covid-19 will be with us for the foreseeable future and, as such, we must all adapt to living with the "new normal" whatever shape that takes. Along with your council I will continue to do all I can to ensure that Pengam ward and your issues and complaints are fully represented and dealt with in a thorough and expedient manner.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all and to remind you that, when you contact me by email or letter, please identify yourself appropriately and avoid using pseudonyms or nick names. It would also be helpful to know where you live in the ward. In most instances you will need to complete a consent form so that I may deal with your enquiry and, as such, I am unable to deal with anonymous enquiries or requests. Working for my community is a great privilege and I will continue to do the best I can to make our community a great place to live and work.