

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Hengoed

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Hengoed

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Social Services Scrutiny Committee  
Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee  
Democratic Services Committee (Chair)  
Licensing and Gambling Committee  
Taxi and General Committee

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

Licensing and Gambling Sub Committee  
Taxi and General Sub Committee  
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Corporate Parenting Group  
Corporate Safeguarding Group

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

I have undertaken the following training and development:

Ethics and Standards (Mandatory Training)

Questioning & Listening Skills (Recommended Training)

## **WARD ACTIVITY**

There has been on going issues regarding a proposed housing development next to Carn Gethin Estate. I was asked to set up a Facebook page on behalf of the community which allowed them to communicate and keep each other updated. Both myself and my fellow County and Community Councillors helped organise meetings. We supported our constituents with their objections to the development and attended the planning meetings with them.

I have been involved with a number of other on-going issues which include:-

Anti-social behaviour

Housing issues with private landlords

Housing issues regarding planning – or lack thereof

Overgrown pavements, hedges and brambles

Road repairs

Drugs issues

I advise and investigate funding avenues on behalf of community groups.

Once again, I am truly thankful to the Croeso Club who organised the Pantomime at the Lindsay Club in Cefn Hengoed. It's an opportunity for families to attend a festive activity which might otherwise not be possible.

I would like to apologise to my constituents for not being available during the latter part of 2019 and beginning of 2020, as I suffered a very personal bereavement. I am grateful to my ward colleague Cllr Teresa Parry, who I know was available to you during this time.

Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, constituents have asked me to help distribute bereavement notices in the community as, due to social distancing and lockdown restrictions, neighbours/friends were unable to attend funerals. This allowed the community to come together on their doorstep, and show their final respects to the family and acknowledge the loss of their loved ones.