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ELECTORAL WARD: Morgan Jones

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Morgan Jones
Cabinet Member for Social Care since 9th September 2020

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet since 9th September 2020

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Institute since 9th September 2020

Education Scrutiny Committee until 9th September 2020

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

Corporate Joint Consultative Committee since 9th September 2020

Education Achievement Service Board (EAS)

Pensions/Compensation Committee

View Point Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Child Poverty Champion

Older Persons Champion

Corporate Parenting Group
Corporate Safeguarding Group
Gwent Regional Partnership Board

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Plas-y-Felin Primary School

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Armed Forces Covenant Briefing (recommended)
2021 Census (seminar)
Mass Vaccination Programme Briefing (recommended)
Team Caerphilly (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 Social Care since 3rd September 2020, 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.

I have regular meetings with Directors, Heads of Service, Officers, MP's and MS' and, along with my regularly scheduled committee, cabinet and council meetings during 2020/21, I also attended the following events and meetings:

Caerphilly Placemaking Plan, Youth Offending Service Local Management Board, Cabinet site visit to Morgan Jones Park, Walking Tour of Caerphilly Town Centre, Health & LA – Key Developments in Caerphilly, Gwent Social Services Board, Regional Partnership Board, Ministerial Meetings, Operation Santa Photoshoots, Social Care, Health & Wellbeing Cabinet Members Network Meeting, LDO Focus Group, Legal Limits of Social Care Workshop.

I met regularly with Heads of Service, Directors, and the Chief Executive with regard to my portfolio priorities.

WARD ACTIVITY

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

It's been impossible to speak with residents face to face because of Covid-19 but hopefully, with the changes to restrictions, I will be back to door knocking very soon. Over the past year I have tried to use all manner of communication to engage with residents such as email, telephone and social media. Covid-19 has taken up a lot of my work. I have tried my best to

provide as much information as possible to all residents regarding Covid-19. For example, I have posted on the Caerphilly Coronavirus Facebook page information on restrictions, changes to council services and vaccinations. I have made myself available for questions and support. I have been helping businesses within the area who have struggled with the lockdown, applying for Covid grants or had queries in relation to accessing funding. It's important these businesses are supported as they are integral to the local economy.

The local environment is very important to me, and I have reported numerous environmental issues such as overflowing bins, dog mess, fly tipping and blocked storm drains. With an increase in footfall in and around Morgan Jones Park / Caerphilly Castle, I have reported a number of overflowing bins and waste to the council contact centre. I will continue to work closely with all council departments and Keep Wales Tidy to help improve the local environment. With the horrendous storms we experienced at the beginning of 2020 I actively reported flooding and fallen trees across Caerphilly. Thankfully nobody was hurt and only a small amount of damaged was caused within the ward.

I look forward over the next year to carry out my continuing duties as a Councillor and I will try my best to represent all the constituents of the Morgan Jones Ward.