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ELECTORAL WARD: St. Martins

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE: Ward Member for St Martins

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Corporate Health and Safety Committee

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Rhymney River Task Group

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Chair - Twyn School

St Martin's School

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

WARD ACTIVITY

Over the past year I have continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance during a difficult time.

I attended meetings for Caerffili Town Council and the County Borough as these were carried out via Teams.

As my ward colleagues and I were unable to continue our regular surgeries and face to face meetings with residents, communication has been through telephone, email and social media. I dealt with problems of Anti-Social Behaviour, issuing of parking permits, requests for changes in residents parking conditions, noise complaints, lots of fly-tipping, over-flowing public bins, flooding and drainage issues, planning applications and enforcement, dog fouling and abandoned vehicles.

As easing of lockdown continued myself and my fellow Ward Councillors (James Fussell and Colin Elsbury) met Council Officers in the Town Centre on numerous occasions in relation to proposed improvements in the Town Centre, including outdoor eating areas.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold the usual Flower Festival, Fireworks Display or Christmas lights switch on, but I arranged for Santa to travel on his sleigh around the Town Council area (St Martins Ward and Morgan Jones Ward). This was done over a two-week period, weather permitting, and prior to the pre-Christmas lockdown. I'm very grateful for help from my colleagues Colin Elsbury and James Fussell as well as Mike Prew, Huw Jackson, Jeff Grenfell and of course Santa.

As a school governor, I attended full Governing body meetings via remote access every six weeks, plus termly sub committees that dealt with finance, staffing, curriculum, building maintenance and school development.

During the year I also received hundreds of emails a week from Council Officers and numerous other official bodies and voluntary organisations.