

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Nelson

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Nelson

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Education Scrutiny Committee
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Planning Committee
Appeals Panel (substitute)
Audit Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Pensions Compensation Committee
Regeneration Board

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council
Caerphilly Foster Panel
Corporate Parenting Group (Foster Panel Member)

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Hate Crime Workshop (recommended)
2021 Census (seminar)
Mass Vaccination Programme (seminar)
Homelessness (seminar)
Tips (seminar)
EAS Distance Learning (seminar)
EAS School Performance (seminar)
EAS Distance & Blended Learning (briefing)
Armed Forces Covenant Training
Introduction to the 2nd Replacement Development Plan
Education Admissions Appeals Training
Caerphilly Cares information session
Team Caerphilly (seminar)
Treasury Management

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.

Traffic, parking and highways

I have continued to report issues, attend meetings and represent residents' views about parking, traffic and highways concerns, including at Bwl Road, Shingrig Road, Wern Crescent High Street and Thomas Street. I have provided information to residents on parking enforcement, resident parking permits and traffic regulation orders.

Housing

I have assisted individual residents with housing issues, including availability of suitable rental properties, and rodent infestations.

Planning and development

I monitor weekly planning applications received for the Nelson area. I have continued to monitor proposals for the Ty Du site and in particular the future risk of flooding. I reviewed proposals for the trial one-way system at Bwl Road and raised residents' concerns about signage and initial problems with the new layout.

Environment

I have liaised with council officers to arrange for areas of the village to be cleaned up, cut-back and maintained. I continue to report instances of fly-tipping and dumping as and when these occur. Where possible, I continue to raise concerns about Eglwysilan Common.

Community events

As a community councillor, I have continued to help organise and run the regular programme of community council events, including the 2020 online summer show, and the Halloween,

Christmas and Easter competitions. I've contributed to the proposals to re-open the public toilets, and taken an active part in the recruitment of a new clerk. I have lobbied and liaised with the Health Board to correct an oversight whereby Nelson had not received the Clinical Futures booklet. I have been assisting with arrangements for online meetings and keeping the council's Facebook page updated.

Education

I am an LEA appointed governor at Llancaeach Juniors and vice chair of governors. I have regularly attended governor meetings. I keep up to date with educational developments through governor training and the Governors Network. I continue to monitor proposals for the new school building and merger of the infants and junior schools.

Council services

During the year I assisted a number of residents with accessing council services and resolving issues. In order to protect Nelson residents' interests more broadly, I ensure that I keep abreast of new developments by regularly attending briefings and seminars on council strategies and proposals.

Social media

I continue to highlight items of interest to the community and answer questions through my Facebook page and the We Love Nelson groups.