

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Hengoed

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE: Ward Member for Hengoed

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Audit Committee
Education Scrutiny Committee (Chair)
Appeals Panel

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Advisory Panel for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors (substitute)
Community Council Liaison Sub Committee
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group
Scrutiny Leadership Group
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council
Governor Hengoed Primary
Governor YGG Bro Allta

Hengoed Community Centre Management Committee
Hengoed Crafters
Hengoed Crafters Food Charity Distribution (FareShare)
Gelligaer Community Council

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Finance Seminar 01.05.2020
2021 Census (seminar)
Mass Vaccination Programme (seminar)15.02.2021
Homelessness (seminar)
Hate Crime Training 29.09.2020
Distance Learning 30.09.2020
LGA A Wales for everyone 01.10.2020

One Voice Wales 14.10.2020 and 11.02.2021

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Dementia Training
Engagement Training
Visiting and Monitoring Training
Equality and Diversity Training 18.11.2020
Assessment and Development 10.02.2021
Admissions Appeals Training 25.03.2021
Treasury Management Seminar 28.04.2021

COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

From May 2020 to May 2021 my attendance at CHC meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Attended</u>	<u>Dates Held</u>
Full Council	2	14.10.2020 & 13.01.2021
Scrutiny	4	14.05.2020, 12.11.2020 & 21.01.2021
18.03.2021		
Consultation Meetings	3	13.04.2021, 05.05.2020 & 09.06.2020
Welsh Ambulance Briefings	5	

GELLIGAER COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES (SOME)

Planting of fruit trees and herbs (with Keep Wales Tidy)
Young citizens awards
Community champions awards
Selection boxes for all Primary School Children in GCC villages
Easter Egg window Displays in all Villages

ONE VOICE WALES

Half day virtual events 14.10.2020 and 11.02.2021

POLICE MEETINGS AND REGULAR UPDATES

By Email and phone calls

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.

- Organising Food distribution from food Charity FareShare Cymru
- Planning issues regarding Tiryberth Farm Cefn Hengoed
- Ownership disputes with CCBC
- Road Traffic Calming
- Planning objections
- Planning applications
- Illegal tree felling dangerous trees
- Cleansing issues
- Neighbour disputes
- Environmental health issues (garden clearances)
- Street Lighting

SUCCESS STORIES

Third year at The War Memorial at Derwendeg School. A truly wonderful tribute to those who lost their lives and whom we will never forget. Many thanks to Pastor Steve Darby for the service that was filmed and distributed on YouTube, with all social distancing observed and risk assessments done. Thanks to the Headteacher, Mrs Wangiel, for arranging times for the filming with the caretaker. The event was supported by Gelligaer Community Council's Chair, Cllr Judith Pritchard, and our Clerk, Ms Ceri Mortimer. My ward colleague Cllr Donna Cushing and I are very proud and grateful to all who contributed.

The Planning application for 131 homes at the site of Tiryberth Farm field adjacent to Carn Gethin was successfully fought by local councillors and residents last year. The appeals application was then rejected by the Welsh Government inspector this last year.

Bus stop markings were agreed and are now in place in Park Road opposite the entrance to the train station car park. Commuters were blocking this bus stop making it impossible for buses, and in particular the school bus, to pull in so that school children could safely alight. With the markings in place enforcement can now take place. Also new bus stops are in the process of final completion in Brynavon Terrace.

Cllr Cushing and I have worked with officers on the WHQS environmental program to have the following improvements confirmed for our ward. Many of these are completed or ongoing, and we are hopeful that they could all be completed in this next year. However, this may take some time to complete due to the current COVID 19 pandemic.

Cefn Hengoed

- Fencing on Birch Crescent
- Pottery Lane Clean up
- Lansbury Avenue lane and pathways cleaned up
- Outdoor Gym
- Skate Park renewed
- Dog Bins
- Fencing on Football field play area
- Fencing on Pottery Lane
- Rocks
- Bus Shelters
- Overgrowth removed on edge of Lansbury Avenue
- Settlement Signs

Hengoed

- Paint Knee Rails – Hill View and Heol Dewi
- Replace 3 benches & Remove Ashgrove benches
- Cut back overgrowth on Myrtle Grove
- Bus Shelters
- Dog Bins
- Hengoed Park – Junior play
- Lane and land at the Back of Hawthorne Avenue cleaned up
- Land at the back of Beech Grove cleaned up and pathway improved.
- Bus Shelters