

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Abercarn

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Abercarn
Armed Forces Champion (until 3rd September 2020)

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Planning Committee (Vice-Chair)
Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee
Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (Chair)
Democratic Services Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Advisory Panel for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors (Substitute)
Community Council Liaison Sub Committee
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Arm Working Group (Chair)
Scrutiny Leadership Group
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Armed Forces Community Covenant Champion (until 3rd September 2020)
Army Benevolent Fund – Gwent (until 3rd September 2020)
Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales (until 3rd September 2020)
Cardiff Capitol Region Joint Scrutiny Committee
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Joint Steering Group Chair

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)
Armed Forces Covenant (seminar)
2021 Census (seminar)
Mass Vaccination Programme (seminar)
Homelessness (seminar)
Treasury Management (seminar)

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.

Despite Covid, I have maintained close links with the two Residents Associations in my ward. I have acted on constituents concerns on a whole range of issues. All council departments have generated a reaction from the residents of my ward, and I have enjoyed representing their interactions with the authority.

Environmental issues at Cwmcarn Scenic drive and the Nant Gwyddon and, unfortunately, vandalism have increasingly becoming causes for concern. Our local police officers have responded well and again I have enjoyed the collaboration between the council, local citizens and other agencies.

On a personal note I was very proud that my fellow Councillors elevated me to become Chair of Housing and Regeneration.