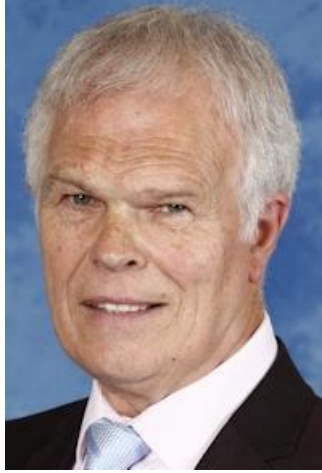


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ELECTORAL WARD: Llanbradach

PARTY: Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales

PROFILE: I am Leader of the Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales Group on Caerffili CBC. I am a member of Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council. I am also a member of the Llanbradach Partnership and Vice-Chair of the Llanbradach Community Centre Management Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Democratic Services Committee
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Appointments Committee
Audit Committee
Standards Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Community Council Liaison Sub Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Gwent Police and Crime Panel (Vice Chair)

Member of the Board of Caerphilly Groundwork Trust
Member of the Trustee Board of Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Citizens Advice Bureau
Member of the LGA Independent Group Executive (Group includes Plaid members)
Lead Regional Peer - LGA
Member of the IDeA Peer Clearing House
Chair of the Board of Data Cymru - via the Welsh Local Government Association – (formerly Local Government Data Unit-Wales)
Chair of the Caerffili and District Twinning Association

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni
Ysgol Bro Sannan

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)
Tips (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. This has been carried out via email, phone and social media as appropriate. More enquiries are now being made via social media

I do not hold formal surgeries, as my constituents prefer to contact me in person or by social media, phone or email.

Over the past 12 months, in addition to dealing with individual issues, eg housing, litter, etc I undertook the following constituency activities and achieved the following positive outcomes for my ward -

Llanbradach Surgery/Primary Care (Health) Centre. I am sure that most, if not all, constituents know that construction is now under way and the Centre is due to open in July. Although the builders worked all through the pandemic, material supply issues have caused delays.

Myself and ward colleague, Rob Gough, were particularly disappointed that, due to what were termed as 'minor amendments', the commitment to re-use some of the stone from the former Church Hall was dropped. This decision was taken by planners without our knowledge. Although we have both received an apology, the apology does not re-dress what we strongly feel is a detriment to the new building.

I have continued to attend meetings of the Llanbradach Project Board, under the auspices of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, and also chair meetings of the Public Engagement Group.

Llanbradach Calendars. I have again worked with Andrew King to produce the Llanbradach Past and Present calendars. Sales of this year's calendars have raised several hundred pounds. We were pleasantly surprised at how well the calendars sold in spite of the lockdown. Donations to local causes have yet to be finally decided, but local organisations for our young people and schools are likely to benefit.

Special thanks to all the shops who have stocked the calendars and thanks, of course, to everyone who has bought copies. I know that copies of the calendars are literally sent all over the world to people with Llanbradach connections

Llanbradach Partnership. The Partnership has been used by Aneurin Bevan UHB as the voice of the public for the new Surgery/Primary Care Centre. Unfortunately, due to inactivity the Partnership does not have a bright future.

Newsletters. Together with Councillor Gough and other colleagues, I have distributed newsletters on a variety of subjects to various groups of residents.

Twinning Activities. I have again represented Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council on the Caerffili and District Twinning Association, and am presently Chairing the committee. Unfortunately, the visits for 2020 and 2021 have not gone ahead due to the pandemic. Everyone in the Association is hoping that next year's visit will go ahead and enable us to (belatedly) celebrate the 25th anniversary with our Breton friends. The Llanbradach junior footballers have also had their twinning exchanges with AFC Servel in Brittany put on hold.

New twinning members are always welcome. Please get in touch with me if you would like further details, either by phone, social media or email, as per my details above.

Llanbradach Football Club. It is good to see that the club continues to flourish and provides an interest for a very large number of youngsters - from under 8s to under 18s. The club gives a warm welcome to anyone who can offer help, covering a large variety of things

Schools. I keep in touch with both local schools and support their activities whenever possible. Together with other schools in the area, our schools fell strangely silent in March last year and are still challenged in coping with Covid consequences

Park and Ride. Cllr Gough and I are still awaiting any firm proposals in relation to this scheme. We fully support the idea of persuading commuters to travel to Cardiff by train, but we have asked for a review of the scheme due to the substantial change in commuting patterns since the pandemic.

The proposals for a very large scheme on the site seem particularly irrelevant now ,and are just unacceptable to our constituents.

Garth Owen. I keep in touch with staff at the house, which provides much needed accommodation for 16 and 17 year old youngsters who cannot live at home for a variety of reasons. The home also helps prepare young people to live independently. Garth Owen is run by Llamau, and the staff are always willing to explain more about their work to interested visitors. I am happy to give contact details for anyone interested in the work of Garth Owen and Llamau