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ELECTORAL WARD: St. Martins

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE:

I'm privileged to have been a Caerphilly Town Councillor since 2008 and a County Councillor for St. Martins Ward since 2009. I have lived in the ward for most of my life, having attended both Twyn Junior School and St. Martins Comprehensive School.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel

Prosiect Gwrydd

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

(Sub committees: HR & Equalities, ICT)

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Chair of Governors of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Y Castell

Chair of Governors of St. Martins Comprehensive School

ATTENDANCE

From May 2012 to May 2013 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	8	9
Regeneration and Environment	3	8
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	3	6

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I undertook the following training and development seminars and courses: -

Code of Conduct

Medium Term Financial Plan

Presentation Skills

South Wales Fire Authority

School Governor training on Chairing meetings and finance.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

During the last 12 months myself and my other two Ward colleagues (James Fussell and Steve Kent) have held two Ward Surgeries however we have concentrated this past year on door to door contact with residents. We try and cover most of the ward during the year.

I also received regular contact and enquiries from residents via letter, e-mail or telephone. During the past 12 months I assisted residents on numerous matters ranging from planning, highways, school admissions, licensing and environmental matters (dog fouling, litter, pollution). I attended meetings of a local residents association and liaised with them regarding issues that arise around the many events that occur within the town during the year.

As Chair of two schools within the ward I attended full Governing body meetings every six weeks as well termly sub committees that dealt with finance, staffing, curriculum, building maintenance and school development.

I am also the Honorary President of a local Children's Charity, Shining Stars, (previously know as the Caerphilly Disadvantaged Children's Group) which organised events for physically and mentally handicapped children and their families. I am also the Chair of the St Martins Youth Project that runs a youth club on a Friday night within the Town Centre.

As a Town Councillor I helped with the Remembrance Day Parade, I helped organise the annual fireworks display and Christmas Lights switch on (This included working on the weekend of the display erecting the sound systems, barriers, dealing the road closures, the stewarding and helping set up the fireworks). For the Christmas lights switch on I helped in the placing of the lights around the Town in the evenings prior to the switch on and then during the day in preparation for the event.

In the last 12 months I was one of many who have campaigned for the opening of a 24hr A&E provision at the new hospital at Ystrad Fawr and also for the provision of a Welsh Medium secondary at the St. Ilan site.

