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ELECTORAL WARD: Pengam

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Cabinet Member for Community & Leisure Services

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council Cabinet

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bryn Compost Liaison Group Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership Delivery Group Joint Consultative Committee Rights of Way Cabinet Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Fields in Trust (formerly National Playing Fields Association) Heads of the Valleys Joint Organics Project Joint Committee Local Government Association Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership South East Area Environment Group Welsh Local Government Association Urban Commission (Local Government Association)

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Pengam Primary School Hendre Infants School Fleur-de-Lis Primary School (observer status)

ATTENDANCE

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

Meeting	No. Attended	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	9	9
Cabinet	21	21

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Code of Conduct	Licensing	
Statement of Accounts	Winter Maintenance	
Appointments	Aneurin Bevan Health Board	
Medium Term Financial Plan	Corporate Parenting	
South Wales Fire and Safety Rescue	Secondary Rationalisation	
Nant Llesg	Safeguarding Childre	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

No. Ward Surgeries held: 06. You can contact me on 01443864139 (office) or 01443832545(home) or by email <u>davidpoole@caerphilly.gov.uk</u> I regularly attend meetings of the following community groups Britannia Community Association Britannia Pengam and Fleur de Lis Community Association Pengam Communities Partnership

I carried out joint foot patrols with Gwent Police on a monthly basis; I also carried out joint surgeries with Gwent Police in Pengam Library.

This year I arranged for the ward cenotaph to be cleaned and the names of the fallen reguilded. I also arranged for the building of a dwarf wall and new railings around the cenotaph and the surrounding garden to be replanted. This was arranged in recognition that the centenary of the beginning of the First World War will occur in 2014.

I attended, on a number of occasions, meetings of the Pengam and Fleur-de-Lis Institute Trust, which are working to refurbish the institute, which has fallen into a state of disrepair over the years.

I returned all calls without fail and have made a number of home visits, at the request of residents to hear and hopefully resolved their problems.

This year has been a difficult year for excessive tree growth, which has made it necessary to arrange for trees to be cut back and hedges cut.

I was asked by the LEA to become a governor of a school outside my ward but because Councillors are only allowed to be a governor of two schools it meant that I would have to give up Fleur-de-Lis school. Fleur-de-Lis school agreed to release me but asked that I attend their governors meeting as an observer, which I readily agreed.

Residents had told me that Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) is a major concern and to this end I have worked closely with the Neighbourhood Police team to identify and resolve issues that would lessen the impact of ASB.

I have helped local clubs to obtain grants and have assisted them in leasing their clubs/buildings from Caerphilly Council.