

ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2021 - MAY 2022



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ELECTORAL WARD: Gilfach (formally a Ward Member for Bargoed)

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Bargoed until May 2022
Dementia Friend Champion
Mayor

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Democratic Services Committee
Education Scrutiny Committee (Vice-Chair)
Planning Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bargoed Town Centre Management Group
Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee
EAS Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (Chair)
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel
Scrutiny Leadership Group

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Dementia Friend Champion
St Johns Cymru Wales

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Vice Chair of Heolddu Comprehensive School Governing Body

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Gwent Public Services Board (seminar)

Corporate Joint Committees (seminar)

Team Caerphilly (seminar)

Elected Members Safety (seminar)

CIVIC DUTIES

I was very proud to be elected as Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council in September 2020, which was extended until May 2022. Unfortunately, due to COVID -19 restrictions, my time as Mayor has been extremely quiet and I have only been able to carry out 14 engagements, with some of these being held virtually. I am pleased to report that 22 bouquets of flowers and cards have been delivered to residents celebrating special anniversaries and 100th birthdays during the year.

DEMENTIA FRIEND CHAMPION

I am the Dementia Friend Champion for the Authority and continue to raise awareness of dementia in Caerphilly in memory of my father-in-law, the late Councillor Harry Andrews MBE.

As part of this role, I work closely with Phil Diamond, Theme Lead for Gwent Health and Social Care Transformation Team and Natasha Harris, Policy and Project Officer for Gwent Regional Partnership Team. I Chair the Caerphilly Dementia Friendly Community Meetings. Organisations and Schools continue to join Caerphilly's Dementia Friendly Community. During the pandemic I have been working with the Getting There Together Gwent Project, which is part of a national project looking to bring together a resource for people living with dementia and their carers, to begin to support social and functional activity recovery as COVID-19 restrictions are eased. I also attend meetings of the Bargoed Integrated Wellbeing Network organised by Dr David Llewellyn of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. We have achieved an aim of this network to gain accreditation for Bargoed to become a Dementia Friendly Community.

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. I have assisted residents during the COVID-19 pandemic as much as I can whilst working as a staff nurse in Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr.

I do not hold surgeries as I am happy to be contacted at home, by phone, email or by my dedicated councillor social media accounts.

Issues I have dealt with this year have included, litter, housing, Quad bike use in inappropriate areas, residential parking and removal of parking restrictions. Meetings with Gwent Police are temporarily suspended but I remain in contact with them via email.