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ELECTORAL WARD: Morgan Jones

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Morgan Jones

Cabinet Member for Social Care until 6th November 2021

Cabinet Member for Social Care & Housing since 7th November 2021

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Institute

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Homes Task Group (Welsh Housing Quality Standard) since 7th November 2021

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Corporate Joint Consultative Committee

Education Achievement Service Board (EAS)

Pensions/Compensation Committee

View Point Panel

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Anti-Poverty Champion since 7th November 2021

Child Poverty Champion

Homeless Persons Champion since 7th November 2021

Older Persons Champion

Association of Public Services Excellence (APSE) Welsh Regional Committee since 7th November

Care & Repair since 7th November 2021

Corporate Parenting Group

Corporate Safeguarding Group

Gwent Regional Partnership Board

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Plas-y-Felin Primary School

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Asylum Dispersal (seminar)

Gwent Public Services Board (seminar)

City Deal (seminar)

Team Caerphilly (seminar)

Elected Members Safety (seminar)

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

Lockdown brought many new challenges to my Cabinet role, with daily updates and situations never before experienced.

As Cabinet Member for Cabinet Member for Social Care until 6th November 2021 and Social Care & Housing since 7th November 2021, I acted as the Cabinet expert in these areas, to ensure that the views and needs of the service are built into the Council's policy framework and the decision-making process. I attended Scrutiny meetings, where I regularly updated other Members about my key portfolio activities.

I have regular meetings with Directors, Heads of Service, Officers, MP's and MS' and, along with my regularly scheduled committee, cabinet and council meetings during 2021/22, I also attended the following events and meetings:

Caerphilly Cares, Gwent Social Services Board, LDP Focus Group, Regional Partnership Board, Local Management Board, Caerphilly Integrated Board, Corporate Parenting Group, visit Care Homes/Garden Projects, Mental Health & Learning Disability Strategic meetings, Corporate Safeguarding Board, Community Empowerment Fund, LA Social Services & Wellbeing Cabinet Members Network, YOS Managements Board, Deliver Free School Meals, Virtual Housing Road Trip, Operation Santa meetings, LGC Awards Ceremony, Film Safeguarding video, Remembrance Day Service, visit Day Centres, Santa Appeal photoshoots and visit with Mayor.

I met regularly with Heads of Service, Directors, and the Chief Executive regarding my portfolio priorities.

WARD ACTIVITY

Over the past 12 months I have been very active in the ward speaking to residents, reporting environmental issues, speaking in planning, and helping secure new facilities for the ward.

Due to the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions I have been able to restart door knocking. Every week I spend time in a certain area of the ward speaking to residents about issues they may have or questions they need answering. I continued to engage with residents via email, telephone, and social media trying my best to provide information and support. I have also provided Covid-19 information on the Caerphilly Coronavirus Facebook page information in relation to changes to restrictions, and vaccination's locations/dates.

I carry out regular 'walk around the ward' sessions which entails me walking certain areas of the ward picking up environmental issues, which I then report to the council such as overflowing bins, dog mess, fly tipping and blocked drains. I continue to work closely with Keep Wales Tidy and the local schools to help improve the local environment by taking part in mass litter picks.

I have attended planning meetings and spoken on behalf of residents who were concerned with planning applications in relation to designs of housing applications and parking. I have attended several meetings on regeneration plans for Caerphilly Town and the possible investment that hopefully will positively change the Town.

I look forward over the next year to carry out my continuing duties as a Councillor and I will represent all the constituents of the Morgan Jones Ward to the best of my ability.