

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** St. Martins

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for St Martins

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee

## **SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS**

Corporate Health and Safety Committee  
Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group  
Rhymney River Task Group

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Chair - Twyn School  
St Martin's School

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Elected Members Safety (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.

I attended meetings for Caerffili Town Council and the County Borough as these were carried out via Teams.

As my ward colleagues and I were unable to continue our regular surgeries and face to face meetings with residents, communication has been through telephone, email and social media. I dealt with problems of Anti-Social Behaviour, issuing of parking permits, requests for changes in residents parking conditions, noise complaints, lots of fly-tipping, over-flowing public bins, flooding and drainage issues, planning applications and enforcement, dog fouling and abandoned vehicles.

As easing of lockdown continued myself and my fellow ward councillors (James Fussell and Colin Elsbury) met council officers in the Town Centre on numerous occasions in relation to proposed improvement including outdoor eating areas.

Fortunately, following the lifting of restrictions, Santa was once again able to travel around the area on his sleigh. The children welcomed Santa with enthusiastic waving and cheers, and it certainly helped make it a better Christmas than 2020.

As a school governor, I attended full Governing body meetings via remote access every six weeks, plus termly sub committees that dealt with finance, staffing, curriculum, building maintenance and school development.

During the year I also received hundreds of emails a week from Council Officers and numerous other official bodies and voluntary organisations.