

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** St. Martins

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

**PROFILE:** I have had the privilege of representing the residents of St Martins Ward since 1999 and the residents of Caerffili Town since 1995 (Town Council).

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Planning Committee

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

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group  
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Councillor on Caerffili Town Council  
Chair and Trustee of Twyn Community Centre  
Chair of Caerffili yn ei Blodau / Caerffili in Bloom Group  
Cwrt Rawlin Community Group

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Ysgol Gymraeg Caerffili: Chair of Governors  
Cwrt Rawlin Primary: Governor

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

### **WARD ACTIVITY**

Over the past year I have continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing the community and providing assistance during a continued difficult time.

There is no doubt that the last year again has been a bit of a challenge to carry out the normal activity expected. Meetings continue via remote access which allowed both Town and Borough council work to carry on, although face to face meetings have started to recommence in latter part of the 12 months.

Meetings with public have been limited due to covid but as restrictions relaxed some return to normality has resumed and allowed a return to visiting residents door to door during 2021 and into 2022 leading up to the election. Workload continued via telephone and/or email and of the issues to try and resolve, littering, residents parking, planning and environmental issues are but a few.

Continue to support individuals via the Buddy scheme now managed through GAVO, this includes shopping and pharmacy collections as well as helping with all manner of other day to day requests including hospital emergency transport.

Governing body work has also returned to face-to-face meetings. With school inspection for Ysgol Gymraeg Caerffili taking up a lot of time but with excellent results finally being published in May 2022.

Keep Wales Tidy recommenced litter picks on Caerffili mountain and I made a number of collections in areas local to my home, as do many other residents. It's still a disappointment to find that this action needs to be carried out, and has perhaps worsened since the lockdowns.

The Caerffili yn ei Blodau / In Bloom returned to maintain the additional planters in town centre, and together with all other Caerffili Town participants submitted an entry to the Wales in Bloom Judging for July 2021 and were awarded a "Silver Gilt" coming first in our category again.

Twyn management resumed meeting face to face and continue to upgrade the building and welcome regular and new users since lock down.

Town council meetings continue with hybrid meetings allowing face to face as well as remote attendance. Although the year was bereft of the normal events the organising of the annual flower displays around town and coordinating of the Flower Festival for 2022 was a good start to the year that may see a brighter future.