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ELECTORAL WARD: Pontllanfraith

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Cabinet Member for Corporate Services

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet

Cabinet as Trustees for Blackwood Miners Institute

Appointments Committee

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Corporate Health and Safety Committee

Corporate Joint Consultative Committee (JCC)

Pensions/Compensation Committee

View Point Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES

Catalogue Supplies Joint Committee

Citizens Advice Bureau Trustee Board

Domestic Abuse Champion

Mental Health Champion

Joint Council for Wales
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee
Welsh Church Fund
Welsh Purchasing Consortium

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Bryn 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

Unity Over Division Charter (seminar)
Gwent Public Service Board (seminar)
Cyber Awareness (training)
Team Caerphilly (seminar)
Elected Member 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 Corporate Services, 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.

Along with my regularly scheduled committee, cabinet and council meetings during 2021/22, I also attended the following events and meetings:

HR Strategy Group, Digital Leadership Group, LDP Focus Group, Boundary Commission Working Group, JCC meetings, WLGA, Flexible Working Proposals, Caerphilly Placemaking Plan, Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee, Cyber Security, Community Empowerment Fund, Citizens Advice Bureau Board, Delivery of Free School Meals, Virtual Housing Road Trip, LGC Awards Ceremony, Santa Appeal photoshoot, Remembrance Day Service, Interview with Audit Wales, Ground Breaking Ceremony – Chartist Garden Village.

I also met regularly with Heads of Service, Directors, the Chief Executive, Police and Crime Commissioner and Trade Unions with regard to my portfolio priorities.

WARD ACTIVITY

During lockdown I continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance during a difficult time.

I am Vice Chair of the Penllwyn Partnership, which provides assistance to and identifies funding for local projects.

Unfortunately, my fellow Pontllanfraith Councillors Mike Adams and Gez Kirby and I were unable to hold our monthly surgeries at Penllwyn Millennium Centre, Springfield Resource Centre and Islwyn Bowls Club. However, we intend to resume these when the current restrictions are lifted. Constituents are welcome to contact me by telephone or email.

I have participated in numerous virtual Council meetings, School Governors meetings and community based organisations as follows:

Bryn Primary School
Councillor/Police Liaison
Penllwyn Community Partnership

I worked with fellow Pontllanfraith Councillors and various Ward Councillors, Council Officers, Local Ward Police Officers and numerous other bodies to address residents' concerns in relation to the following matters:

Drainage problems throughout the ward
Grass cutting
Housing problems
Parking issues
Potholes/road repairs
Replacing stolen/vandalised signs