

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Nelson

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Nelson

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Education Scrutiny Committee
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee (Vice Chair)
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Planning Committee
Appeals Panel (Chair)

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Pensions Compensation Committee
Scrutiny Leadership Group
Advisory Panel for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors
Education Achievement Service Audit and Risk Assurance Committee
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Caerphilly Foster Panel
Corporate Parenting Group (Foster Panel Member)

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Code of Conduct Training

Information Governance and Data Protection Training

Introduction to Finance, Governance and Audit

Planning Seminar

Licensing Seminar

Local Development Plan Training

Unconscious Bias/Protected Characteristics Equalities Training

Housing Rent Act Seminar

Developments of National Significance Seminar

Performance Framework and Corporate Plan Seminar

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Seminar

WARD ACTIVITY

Over the past year I have continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance to individual residents.

Traffic, Parking and Highways

This year I've dealt with issues of signage, highway flooding, parking, speeding, speed limits, road accidents, and street cleansing. I've reviewed proposals for Nelson and attended briefings and seminars ahead of the new 20mph speed limit, and highlighted the public consultation on exceptions to the reduced speed limit on social media to encourage participation. I've raised concerns about speeds on rural roads with the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, and I continue to report issues raised by residents as needed.

Housing

I have assisted individual residents with housing issues, raising matters of concern with housing officers and ensuring residents are kept informed.

Planning and Development

I monitor weekly planning applications received for the Nelson area, highlighted those of significance to Nelson via social media. I have assisted individuals with planning matters. I have spoken with residents and attended meetings with the developers of the proposed wind farm on Eglwysilan mountain. I've made representations to planning officers and taken part in the public meeting and community council meetings regarding the proposals and their impacts on the village.

Environment

I have liaised with council officers to arrange for areas of the village to be cleaned up, cut-back and maintained. I continue to report instances of fly-tipping and dumping as and when these occur.

Community Events

As a community councillor, I have continued to help organise and run the regular programme of community council events, including the 2022 summer show and Christmas activities. I monitor and update the council's Facebook page.

Education

I am an LEA appointed governor at Llancaeath Juniors. I have regularly attended governor meetings and visit the school. I continue to monitor proposals for the new school building and merger of the infants and junior schools.

Council services

During the year I assisted a number of residents with accessing council services and resolving various issues. In order to protect Nelson residents' interests more broadly, I ensure that I attend briefings and seminars and keep abreast of new developments that may impact on Nelson residents.

Social media

I continue to highlight items of interest to the community and answer questions through my Facebook page and the We Love Nelson groups.