

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Twyn Carno

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Twyn Carno

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Pen Bryn Oer Wind Farm Fun Community Benefit Panel
Rhymney Community Council (Vice Chair)
Rhymney Trust
Ael y Bryn Community Centre (Chair)
St David's Community Centre Committee Member
Rhymney Day Centre Committee Member

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Upper Rhymney Primary School (Chair)

Idris Davies 3-18 School

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

Equalities and Diversity Training

Local Development Plan Training

Housing Rent Act Seminar

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Seminar

Houses in Multiple Occupation Seminar

WARD ACTIVITY

Firstly, I want to place on record my thanks to residents for putting their confidence in me again to be their elected Councillor.

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 am a member of the Ael y Bryn Community Centre Management Committee and was re-elected Secretary of the Pen y Dre Tenants & Residents Association, I am also Vice Chair and Chair from May 2023 on Rhymney Community Council and a Trustee of Rhymney Trust, which decides on funding community groups in the Rhymney area.

I continue to meet the Police, along with Dawn Bowden MS and Gerald Jones MP, to discuss anti-social issues. I attend Advice Surgeries every month with Gwent Police to support residents every month. I also work with my Upper Rhymney Valley Councillors and run Street Surgeries in every ward and speaking to residents about issues they may have.

We received funding from Tennis Wales recently to fund and upgrade the Tennis Courts in Rhymney.

£3m external wall insulation programme has been approved for Bryn Carno, Rhymney after years of campaigning with residents and our MS and MP. This scheme will address the issues currently experienced by residents.

I am working with the Leadership of the Council, MS, MP and my council colleagues in the URV to ensure the much needed work is carried out on the A469. Initial funding has been allocated by the Council and WG for this project.

Have been working with the Management Committee of St David's Community Centre to look at a community café, progress is being made with funding committed for the project.

400k is being spent on Rhymney Library to turn it into a support hub for residents. The ground floor will be the main lending area in the library and will include a new seating area

where people can come and work, as well as a place for small refreshments. The first floor will become the 'Idris Davies Community Learning Hub'. This will be a learning space with laptops, an interactive whiteboard and modern furniture. Three office spaces will also be available for private meetings and for residents to use. Upgraded internet access and two electric vehicle charging points will be installed in the car park.

We pooled our funds from the Community Empowerment Fund for a new van for the Rhymney Valley Foodbank, thanks to my neighbouring Cllrs Dave Harse and Mansel Powell for their support with this.

Attended the appeal hearing and spoke on behalf of residents about the unauthorised development on Rhymney Bridge. We are awaiting the outcome of the appeal.

Some local Christmas events I have been involved in was Santa with the Fire Service last year and breakfast with Santa at Ael y Bryn Community Centre.

I continue to support community groups and residents in community activity.