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ELECTORAL WARD: Bedwas & Trethomas (formally Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen)

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: I have been a resident of Trethomas since 1974 and am proud to have represented the ward of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Graig-y-Rhacca. From 1991 I have served on Rhymney Valley District Council, Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen Community Council and Caerphilly County Borough Council.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Education Scrutiny Committee

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Appointments Committee (Chair)

Governance & Audit Committee

Planning Committee (Vice Chair)

Licensing and Gambling / Taxi and General Committees

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Licensing and Gambling / Taxi and General Sub Committees
Pensions and Compensation Committee (Substitute)
Caerphilly Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council
Trustee Bedwas Workmens Hall
Governor at Bedwas Infants School
Member of the Tommy Cooper Society
Member of the Parochial Church Council for Bedwas/Trethomas
Trustee of The Parish Trust
Member of Labour Party
Member of Cooperative Party

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 Social Services and Housing
Introduction to Finance, Governance and Audit
Planning Seminar
Licensing Seminar
Local Development Plan Training
Housing Rent Act Seminar
Developments of National Significance Seminar
Houses in Multiple Occupation Seminar

CIVIC DUTIES

I was very proud to be elected as Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council in May 2022, until May 2023. I represented the Council and the people of Caerphilly at 107 events in my year as the Mayor including a Twinning visit to Ludwigsburg, Jubilee Services and Celebrations within the County as well as Memorial Services for the Late Queen, the Senghenydd Mining Memorial Service, Annual Remembrance Services, Live Vacancy Events, Christmas Concerts and the BTM Band 50 years Celebration Concert. The opportunity to visit and thank businesses who so kindly donated towards the Operation Santa Appeal at Christmas time. I visited many of our schools in the Borough to see their plays and concerts throughout the year which was thoroughly enjoyable to see the young minds of our community in creative action. As well as the privilege of attending these engagements, I had the pleasure of presenting bouquets to Caerphilly Couples who celebrated their Golden, Diamond, Sapphire and Platinum Anniversaries and residents celebrating their 100th Birthday. I have also been delighted to invite and welcome members of our community to Visit the Mayor's Parlour over the last 12 months.

WARD ACTIVITY

Over the past year I have continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community with confidence and also respecting privacy.

Difficulties economically have be so awful for residents and this has led to finding voluntary organisations who can help out in many ways.

I know first-hand the problem of having to be aware of post covid issues and adjust to a different routine. I have received many varied issues and complaints from residents and am pleased to offer up to re-assurance and maintain contact with our council staff who are often working from home.

Working alongside my ward Colleagues, Cllr. Lisa Phipps and Cllr. Jill Winslade is a great pleasure.

Please feel free to contact me by email or telephone. I am here to serve as an elected representative to you all in Bedwas and Trethomas.