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ELECTORAL WARD: Llanbradach

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE: Ward Member for Llanbradach

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Appeals Panel
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (Substitute)

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Corporate Health and Safety Committee
Pensions/Compensation Committee
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

A member of GMB the Union

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

Smart and Safe Working Practices Training

Introduction to Social Services and Housing

Introduction to Finance, Governance and Audit

Planning Seminar

Introduction to Scrutiny

Equalities and Diversity Training

Local Development Plan 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

I am a newly appointed Councillor since May 2022, the last year has been a busy baptism of fire, extremely busy, yet completely enjoyable from day one. Hopefully I have represented my constituents in the way as I would like to be represented, professionally, with good sound direct Communication. The last year has brought lots of challenges and as one of two ward Councillors I have carried out my role to the best of my ability, representing my community and providing assistance where needed. This has been carried out via Email, phone and Social Media as appropriate together with multiple site and resident visits. More enquiries are now being made via social media, including several WhatsApp groups.

I do not hold formal surgeries, as my constituents prefer to contact me in person or by social media, phone or email.

Over the past 12 months, in addition to dealing with individual issues, eg housing, litter, highway problems, anti social behaviour etc I undertook the following constituency activities and achieved the following positive outcomes for my ward –

Community Council: I am also a Community Councillor within the village. I think its paramount to get involved at a Local Community driven level, as well as representing the Village at Ward level.

Trips: Together with my colleagues, I helped arranged Village Christmas market trips, together with forth coming trips for the children of the Community to St Fagans.

Tynygraig footbridge. Progress on the scheme to replace the former footbridge is still painfully slow. After much pressure via emails and meetings, plus several letters to the Chief Executive of Transport for Wales planning permission has been granted. It is very disappointing that progress is now being delayed due to protracted negotiations over land. The completion of the bridge will be very much welcomed by the large number of people who formally used it.

Bluebell Protection Group: Successfully campaigned and lobbied the new owner of the land in protection of the rare and beautiful resource known locally as Bluebell wood. As a community we came together and lobbied and marched, which reached National news, which resulted in the landowner being advised in no uncertain terms that the land had to be reinstated. An Environmental protection Trust has been created to thwart any future threats to our village's environment.

Newsletters and Litter picks. Together with Councillor Mann and other colleagues, I have distributed newsletters on a variety of subjects to various groups of residents and we have arranged a forthcoming Village litter pick to help alleviate the current cleansing problem within the village.

Schools. I keep in touch with both local schools and support their activities whenever possible. Together with others in the area, our teachers are still coping with the aftermath of the Covid pandemic. I have taken up the Vice Chair role with Coed Yr Brain, hopefully adding value where needed.

Park and Ride. We are still awaiting any firm proposals in relation to this scheme. We fully support the idea of persuading commuters to travel to Cardiff by train, but we have asked for a review of the scheme due to the substantial change in commuting patterns since the pandemic. A review is ongoing to re-assess the need for the scheme post-pandemic and we await the conclusions of this. The proposals for a very large scheme on the site seem particularly irrelevant now and are just unacceptable to your councillors and to our constituents.

Community Empowerment Fund. This is money allocated to each ward in the county to benefit priorities decided locally. Unfortunately, the sum was reduced this year. To date money has gone towards the latest defibrillator for the Cwm Glas estate. There are now seven defibrillators across the ward, including the station. We are possibly the best provided community in the borough for these machines. We all hope of course that the circumstances that need the machines will not occur.

The Keep Fit equipment has now been completed at Cwm Glas field. We are hoping to use this fund to help with the installation of solar panels for Llanbradach football club and Pwllpant Village Hall.

NOTE. If any resident or voluntary organisation in our area has ideas for improving both Llanbradach and Pwllpant please get in touch. There is quite a wide range of schemes that could be considered.