

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Morgan Jones

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Morgan Jones
Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration & Climate Change

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners Institute

Cabinet as Trustees of Cwmcarn Memorial Cottage Hospital Fund

Cabinet as Trustees of Dafydd Williams Park Caerphilly

Rights of Way Cabinet Committee

Cardiff Capital Region City Deal Joint Cabinet

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

View Point Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Future Generations Champion

Carbon Reduction Group

Cardiff Capital Region Joint committee

Local Government Association

Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee

Welsh Local Government Association

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Housing Rent Act Seminar

Unconscious Bias/Protected Characteristics Equalities Training

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Training

Developments of National Significance Seminar

Code of Conduct Training

Performance Framework & Corporate Plan Seminar

Equalities & Diversity Training

Introduction to Scrutiny Seminar

Public Speaking Training

Houses in Multiple Occupation

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Deputy Leader of Council and Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration & Climate Change, 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 2022/23, I also attended the following Teams events and meetings:

Photo call/filming to camera: (Crescent Road, Ty Du Nelson, Maxime Cinema Blackwood, Caerphilly Business Park Tyre Glider, Molbile Solutions Caerphilly, Electric Vehicle Charging, Town Centre WiFi, Caerphilly Market Place, Santa Appeal and Caerphilly Pride & Food Fayre). Deliver Free School Meals, numerous site visits around the borough, visit Town Centre within borough, Ruperra Castle Community Event, visit Caerphilly Innovative Housing Pilot, Falklands Conflict 40th Anniversary event, Ukraine event, Citizen Advice Caerphilly/Blaenau Gwent 21st Anniversary event, CSC Foundry Board, meeting with Welsh ICE, Caerphilly Business Event, MJ Awards Ceremony, visit CCBC Tourism Destinations, Libanus Lifestyle event, Caerphilly Leisure Centre (Defib), official opening of Cwmcarn Forest Drive, Cabinet Tour of borough, LDP Member Engagement, Community Empowerment Fund, City Deal Joint Committee, visit Bargoed Snooker Hall, numerous meetings with officers on a variety of issues, Regeneration Project Board, visit to local businesses throughout the borough, meetings re Little Cheese and attend event, visit to Wind Farm, Project Gwyrdd, Groundwork Wales and Furniture Revival update, Pride Caerffili, meeting with Newbridge Traders, National Grid Electricity Distribution Senedd Reception, Launch of Innovation Investment Capital, meeting re Solar Farm Event in Penyrheol Community Centre, New Trains Showcase Caerphilly Train Station, South Wales Argus Business Awards, Caerphilly Business Club Awards, GAVO Achievement Awards, Uniform Exchange, South Wales Argus Pride of Gwent Awards, Youth Forum Conference, Ministerial meetings, Welsh ICE Business event, visit 3g Pitch at Y Gwindy, visit Ysgol Cwm Rhymni – E-sports, Viewpoint Panel, Caerphilly Local Delivery Group, Atlantic Service VIP event, International Women's Day, Valley Events UK, Disability Six Nations Rugby Festival, TfW Train Simulator event, Young Enterprise finals, Class 231 Launch Event & Train Naming Ceremony, WLGA Council, various case study visits, Memorial Event in Lansbury Park.

WARD ACTIVITY

I am currently working with my colleagues on the soon to be opened Virginia Park Youth Centre, having had a number of site meetings and extensive communication over the past 12 months.

I undertake a regular weekly walkabout in the ward to pick up on matters that need addressing. This is also an opportunity to meet with residents on the street to discuss matters of concern.

As a local team, I have undertaken litter picks to help keep the ward clean. I have thoroughly enjoyed my ward work over the past 12 months.