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ELECTORAL WARD: Aberbargoed and Bargoed

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Abrebargoed and Bargoed

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Partnerships Committee
Planning Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bargoed Town Centre Management Group
Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel
Member of the Task and Finish Group on Resident Parking

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Bargoed Town Council (Bargoed ward member)
St Gwladys Bargoed School (governor)

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

Member Support and Working in a Digital Environment

Smart and Safe Working Practices Training

Introduction to Social Services and Housing Directorate

Introduction to Economy and Environment Directorate

Introduction to Finance, Governance and Audit

Planning Seminar

Licensing Seminar

Introduction to Scrutiny

Equalities and Diversity Training

Unconscious Bias/Protected Characteristics Equalities Training

Introduction to the Office of the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner

Community Empowerment Fund

Ukraine Seminar

Biodiversity and Grass Cutting Regimes Seminar

Renting Homes (Wales Act), Housing Solutions and Caerphilly Homes

20MPH Speed Limit Seminar

Developments of National Significance Seminar

Houses in Multiple Occupation Seminar

WARD ACTIVITY

Over the past year, I have enjoyed my new role as Councillor, representing my community as well as providing advice and assistance to residents. I have dealt with many and varying issues throughout the ward which, at times has been a challenge. I was honoured to attend the Remembrance Service at St Gwladys Church and laid a wreath at Bargoed Cenotaph.

I have dealt with many housing issues including homelessness, housing allocation, repairs and changes to tenancies, in one instance, meeting with the Chief Executive and Officers regarding a resident's complaint. I was involved with the review of the Caerphilly Homes Development Programme (Bargoed Sites) and assisted residents with problems regarding United Welsh energy-saving works in Aberbargoed. I also helped a resident challenge their Council Tax band through the Valuation Office Agency.

Other issues I assisted with have included traffic management including the introduction of free parking for parents of children attending St Gwladys Bargoed School at the start and end of the school day; environmental and biodiversity issues; and instances of anti-social behaviour which involved meetings with the Bargoed Neighbourhood Policing Team and

Community Support Officers. I also dealt with residents' debt, benefits and employment matters; issued food and energy vouchers; and made referrals to Supporting People for additional services.

I attended Citizens Advice Caerphilly Blaenau Gwent 21st Anniversary celebrations at Llancaiach Fawr Manor and the official opening ceremony of the Crafty Legs craft fair and market in Bargoed which will be a monthly event. I participated in all Bargoed Town Centre networking events for stakeholders with the aim of encouraging participation, development and footfall on the high street. With this in mind and in collaboration with a local business owner, I put forward the idea of holding a Spring Fair to Bargoed Town Council and the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Prosperity, Regeneration and Climate Change. Both were supportive of the idea which went on to become the extremely successful Bargoed May Fair.

I was pleased to be able to assist Aberbargoed and Bargoed organisations to make successful Community Empowerment Fund grant applications totalling £37,269 which has made a huge contribution to the wellbeing of residents as well as overcoming loneliness and isolation. I participated in Caerphilly County Borough Council Active Travel WeITAG Programme - Bargoed to Cefn Forest stakeholder consultation and the Public Service Board Draft Well-being Plan consultation for Gwent.

I will be holding a regular monthly surgery at Bargoed Library and hope to be able to assist more residents in the coming year whilst working on local projects which can improve the area in which we live.