

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: St Cattwg

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE: Ward Member for St Cattwg

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Housing & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Social Services Scrutiny Committee
Democratic Services

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee
Grants to the Voluntary Sector
Bryn Group Liaison Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Gelligaer Community Councillor

Hengoed Community Centre (Treasurer)
Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations
Member of Llais – successor body of Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council

GOVERNING BODIES

Hengoed Primary School
Derwendeg Primary 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
Member Support and Working in a Digital Environment Training
Smart and Safe Working Practices Training
Introduction to Finance, Gov and Audit
Planning Seminar
Licensing Seminar
Introduction to Scrutiny
Equalities and Diversity Training
Local Development Plan Training
Unconscious Bias/Protected Characteristics Equalities 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

Following the election in May 2022, my county and community council colleagues and I distributed a card to every dwelling giving our contact details so that all constituents would know how to contact us.

We have carried out frequent walk-about throughout the ward and spoken to many residents to hear their views and concerns. In particular, we have walked the back lanes and reported copious quantities of dumped rubbish and dog mess to the council cleansing department.

Throughout the year we distributed various newsletters and ran a special information campaign about the LDP for people living near potential candidate sites, enabling them to contribute their views in the LDP process.

I have dealt with many problems that have been raised by residents, including planning issues, housing, traffic, overhanging trees, aids and adaptations, and council tax.

As a member of the Social Services Scrutiny and Housing and Regeneration Committee I have raised issues and asked for reports on various related issues. I have also been influential in obtaining changes in the way grants to voluntary organisations are dealt with

and, as an active member of GAVO (Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisations), I have supported the sector in its dealings with the council. I have also helped local voluntary organisations obtain grants from the Community Empowerment Fund.

I am also a member of the Bryn Group Liaison Committee and have commented on the various planning applications that the Bryn Group have submitted, both on my own account and through Gelligaer Community Council, of which I am a member.

As a Governor of two local schools I have attended Governors' meetings and school events. Since I have a great interest in health matters and was a member of the Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council until it was disbanded and then joined Llais, its successor body.

I am treasurer of Hengoed Community Centre, and organiser of the Youth Centre, Cefn Hengoed and the Fareshare Food Distribution Scheme at the Youth Centre. The weekly Citizens' Advice Service and JobClub at the Youth Centre are open to all local residents, including those in St Cattwg.