

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Cefn Fforest and Pengam

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Cefn Fforest and Pengam

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Education Scrutiny Committee  
Social Services Scrutiny Committee (Vice Chair)  
Governance and Audit Committee

## **SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS**

Advisory Panel for the Appointment and Removal of Local Authority Governors  
Corporate Health and Safety Committee  
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel  
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education  
Scrutiny Leadership Group  
Voluntary sector Liaison committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council  
Gwent Police and Crime Panel

## **SCHOOL GOVERNOR**

Cefn Fforest 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  
Scrutiny Charing Skills  
Introduction to Finance, Governance and Audit  
Planning Seminar  
Licensing Seminar  
Introduction to Scrutiny  
Equalities and Diversity Training  
Unconscious Bias/Protected Characteristics Equalities Training  
Developments of National Significance Seminar  
Performance Framework and Corporate Plan Seminar  
Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Seminar

## **WARD ACTIVITY**

### **Fleur de lys**

Potholes, empowerment fund advice, overgrowth of shrubs, trees, and grasses, road safety issues, enquiry about unauthorised use, litter and weeds on High St, potential planning breach, overgrowth of what was believed to be a public footpath, statement of footpath classification (old railway route to Maesycwmmmer). Advice on Planning, advice, and complaint about day services road safety advice and support needed, litter needed clearing, Japanese knot weeds reported, trees needed to be cleared, advice on the social housing register, dog fouling, resident needed advice concerning housing association and rights.

### **Gellihaf**

Overgrowth on pavements.

### **Bryn Gwyn**

Support additional needs and be heard related to educational settings.

### **Pengam**

Facilitated meetings for traffic issues including moving traffic offences. Found advice and gave support needed with a social service issue, and interventions needed to combat speeding cars on the main road top of Pengam, fly tipping on the industrial estate, and advice on the social housing register.

**Fair View Estate** (including Fair View Hill, Fron Wen, Edward Street, The Rise, Aneurin Avenue, Fairview bungalow and Floral Avenue).

Housing repairs (complaints, support and understanding the system) Cefn Forest and Fairview Estate Traffic issues (driving too fast, traffic volume and safe crossing, Parking issues, several accounts of fly-tipping including large items and abandoned cars, Litter, planning permission complaints and checks, misuse of premises, overgrowth of hedges, attempted to start residents' group. Land transfer, drainage issues, dampness, overgrowth and knotweed problems, bus shelter damage, advice about skips on highways, dangerous opening, yellow lines, accident with refuse lorry, land ownership. Support local groups with the renewal of a lease, monitor leisure centre use, support the wild garden project, support a local group to claim empowerment fund, potholes reporting, road safety and parking issues, repairs on extension, advice for scouts' group, advice on gatherings outside the home, advice on the registry office, Discussed defibrillators, reporting environmental health issues, vandalism, parking on pavements, delays in work, litter, collecting litter for voluntary litter picking groups, graffiti, Access gate.

### **Cefn Fforest**

Assistance in understanding how to move when in unsuitable housing, fly-tipping, and reporting households with too many household refuse bins.

### **Britannia**

Helped gain knowledge to assist residents without resources to access these services for themselves concerning grass-cutting and removal of items out of their gardens. Collect information on accessing nursing homes and care.

### **Not specific to any area**

Police complaints, grant found for planters in Cefn Fforest school for all community to enjoy.

**Ward events attended.** Judged a charity project at Lewis Boy's school, remembrance events, Memorial at the local surgery, jubilee celebrations at the Cefn Fforest committee centre, and scouts talk at their hut.