

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Crosskeys

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Ward Member for Crosskeys
Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Cabinet as Trustee of Blackwood Miners Institute
Cabinet as Trustee of Cwmcarn Memorial Cottage Hospital Fund
Cabinet as Trustee of Dafydd Williams Park Caerphilly
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee
Pensions/Compensation Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal – Crumlin Arm Working Group
View Point Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Cardiff City Capital Regional Transport Authority
Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council

Greater Gwent Crematorium Joint Committee
Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Gwent Archives Joint Committee
Local Authority Action for Southern Africa (LAATSA)
Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal Regeneration Partnership
PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee
Regional Technical Statement (Aggregates)
Urban Commission (Local Government Association)
Welsh Books Council and Wales Book Council Executive Committee

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Newbridge School

ATTENDANCE

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

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

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Local Development Plan Seminar
Performance Framework & Corporate Plan Seminar
Developments of National Significance Seminar
Housing Rent Act Seminar
Unconscious Bias/Protected Characteristics Equalities Training
Licensing Seminar
Member Support & Working in a Digital Environment Training
Information Governance & Data Protection Training
Code of Conduct Training
Houses in Multiple Occupation
Equalities & Unconscious Bias

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation, 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:

Caerphilly Interchange meetings, Armed Forces Day Caerphilly Town, various site visits, Launch of Cwmcarn Drive, Ministerial meetings, Game Theory & Transport Modelling, GAVO Achievements Awards Ceremony, meet with Network Rail, photo call (Operation Santa), Active Travel Webinar.

WARD ACTIVITY

Over the past year I have continued carrying out my role as a Councillor, representing my community and providing assistance whenever possible.

Along with the day to day work in my communities of Crosskeys and Pontywaun, I have dealt with a wide range of issues on behalf of residents including housing, parking, noise, refuse, pest control.

Over the past twelve months, I have continued to undertake the training and seminars Caerphilly CBC has provided to develop my knowledge of council and give me a better understanding of local government. This is helping me gain the knowledge I need to fulfil my role as a councillor, and I continue to attend committees and meetings at council and local levels - adhering to Covid distancing rules when requested.