

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Morgan Jones

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Morgan Jones  
Cabinet Member for Housing

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Cabinet

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Institute

Cabinet as Trustee of Cwmcarn Memorial Cottage Hospital Fund

Cabinet as Trustee of Dafydd Williams Park Caerphilly

Pensions/Compensation Committee

## SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Homes Task Group

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

View Point Panel

Transitional Accommodation Capital Programme Project Board

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Homeless Persons Champion

Association of Public Services Excellence (APSE) Welsh Regional Committee

Care & Repair - Caerphilly

Corporate Safeguarding Group

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Plas-y-Felin Primary School (Vice Chair)

## **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

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence

Performance Framework and Corporate Plan

Housing Rent Act

Unconscious Bias/Protected Characteristics Equalities

Local Development Plan

Equalities & Diversity

Public Speaking

Equalities & Unconscious Bias

## **CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY**

As Cabinet Member Housing, I acted as the Cabinet expert in this area, 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.

I have regular meetings with Directors, Heads of Service, Officers, MPs, and MS' and, along with my regularly scheduled committee, cabinet, and council meetings during 2022/23, I also attended the following events and meetings:

Caerphilly Innovation Housing Pilot (IHP), Ukraine Humanisation Programme, Cost of Living Crisis meetings, Launch of Cwmcarn Drive, Tour of Borough & numerous site visits, Ministerial Meetings as Cabinet Member for Housing, Wales Strategic Migration Partnership Executive Board (WSMP), Ministerial meetings to discuss Ukraine refugees, GAVO Achievement Awards evening, Transitional Accommodation Capital Programme Project Board, Opening of IHP New Build Llanfabon Drive, Trethomas, variety of photocalls (start of demolition at Ty Darran, Fairview Community House & Empty Property Launch & Santa Appeal)

I met regularly with Heads of Service, Directors, and the Chief Executive regarding my portfolio priorities.

## **WARD ACTIVITY**

I am very active in my ward and carry out weekly door knocking and walk around the ward sessions. From these door knocking sessions, I pick up issues which I try my best to resolve, which include dog fouling, littering, parking, and anti-social behaviour. I regularly engage with residents via email, telephone, and social media trying my best to provide accurate advice and support. I provide information on numerous residents Facebook pages and engage with concerns from planning to housing repairs.

While on my regular walks around the ward, I pick up and report on environmental/council related issues such as overflowing bins, blocked drains, or broken traffic lights. I continue to work with several agencies from the Police, Keep Wales Tidy to local schools to help improve the local environment by taking part in mass litter picks and providing information via leafleting on specific local issues such as crime.

I have attended site meetings regarding planning issues and spoken to groups within the community regarding WHQS23, cost of living crisis and the environment. I have engaged with several bodies and groups within the community in relation to the community empowerment fund. This has led to the community empowerment fund for the Morgan Jones Ward being completely allocated within the community. I have also attended several meetings on the regeneration of Caerphilly Town and lobbied for more investment in the town's leisure offer and transportation links.

I look forward over the next year to continue carrying out my duties as a Councillor and I will represent all the constituents of the Morgan Jones Ward to the best of my ability.