

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Aberbargoed

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Town Councillor for Bargoed and Trustee and Treasurer of Home Start Caerphilly. I am Caerphilly County Borough Council Armed Forces Champion and represent the Council at all functions regarding the military. I was Mayor of Bargoed Town Council in 2013/14.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Planning Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bargoed Town Centre Management Group
Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee
Corporate Health and Safety Committee
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Army Benevolent Fund - Gwent
Armed Forces Community Covenant Champion
Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee
Gwent Archives Joint Committee
Reserve Forces and Cadets Association for Wales

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

I am a Governor at Aberbargoed Primary School

ATTENDANCE

From May 2013 to May 2014 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	5	9
Regeneration and Environment	1	8
Planning	7	12

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I undertook the following training and development seminars and courses: -

E Voting	Medium Term Financial Plan
Holding Effective Pre-Meetings	Questioning and Listening Skills
Equalities and Diversity	Planning (PINS Presentation)
Planning (New Permitted Development Rights)	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I have had an extremely busy year with my duties as both an elected member for Caerphilly County Borough Council and Mayor of Bargoed Town Council.

I have supported residents with their queries and concerns in relation to highways, housing and environment issues and worked with Officers and Partners to try and find solutions to their problems.

My constituents are welcome to contact me via e-mail, phone, facebook, twitter or call to my home address. I am often seen and approached in the village and attended the Hill's Community Church Coffee morning on Wednesdays to meet and talk to constituents.

Over the last twelve months I have been involved with 203 Regiment – Welsh Medical Regiment as part of my role as Armed Forces Champion as well as attending a charity event for Help the Hero's and worked with the British Legion on numerous charity events and attended recruitment with 104 Artillery Regiment.

I have been involved with the development of the Memorial Garden in Aberbargoed to include the refurbishment and replanting of the garden.

I have attended Planning Site Visits and spoken on behalf of residents in relation to highways issues at Aberbargoed Primary School.

I welcomed the official opening of Aberbargoed Library, which, is now very well attended, and a vital asset to the community.

Working with Councillor K.V. Reynolds funding has been secured to improve the rear lanes of Church Street, Aberbargoed and we continue to work to improve the walk area and drainage, including culverts in the area.