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ELECTORAL WARD: St. Martins

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE:

I'm privileged to have been a Caerphilly Town Councillor since 2008 and a County Councillor for St. Martins Ward since 2009. I have lived in the ward for most of my life, having attended both Twyn Junior School and St. Martins Comprehensive School.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel

Prosiect Gwrydd

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

(Sub committees: HR & Equalities, ICT)

Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Chair of Governors of Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Y Castell

Chair of Governors of St. Martins Comprehensive 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	7	9
Regeneration and Environment	6	8
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	3	4

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

E Voting	Questioning and Listening Skills
South Wales Fire Authority	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

During the last 12 months myself and my other two Ward colleagues (James Fussell and Steve Kent) have held four Ward Surgeries however we tend to concentrate on door to door contact with residents. We try and cover most of the ward during the year.

I also received regular contact and enquiries from residents via letter, e-mail or telephone. During the past 12 months I assisted residents on numerous matters ranging from planning (attending site visits and speaking at the Planning Committee), highways matters, parking issues, anti-social behaviour and environmental matters (dog fouling, litter, pollution). I attended meetings of a local residents association and liaised with them regarding issues that arise around the many events that occur within the town during the year. My Ward colleagues and I meet regularly with local Police Officers to discuss problems within the Ward, which also includes the town centre.

As Chair of two schools within the ward I attended full Governing body meetings every six weeks as well termly sub committees that dealt with finance, staffing, curriculum, building maintenance and school development.

During the year I also receive hundred's of emails a week from Council Officers and numerous other official bodies and voluntary organisations. I send a few as well !

I am also the Honorary President of a local Children's Charity, Shining Stars, (previously know as the Caerphilly Disadvantaged Children's Group) which organised events for physically and mentally handicapped children and their families. I am also the Chair of the St Martins Youth Project that runs a youth club on a Friday night within the Town Centre.

As a Town Councillor I was this years Town Mayor and represented the Caerffili Town at numerous events including the opening of the Memorial to the Senghenydd Colliery disaster and the Remembrance Day Parade.

I helped organise the annual town fireworks display and this year my nominated Charities benefited from thousands of pounds from the collection that took place. I also helped with the Christmas Lights switch on (This included working on the weekend of the display erecting the sound systems, barriers, dealing the road closures, the stewarding and helping set up the fireworks). For the Christmas lights switch on I helped in the placing of the lights

around the Town in the evenings prior to the switch on and then during the day in preparation for the event.

In the last 12 months I was one of many who have campaigned for the re-opening of Caerffili Police Station. This was successful and the Station re-opened recently.