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ELECTORAL WARD: Crosskeys

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: I have 29 years of elected service to the Crosskeys ward and as part of my role as a Local Councillor I am the Branch Secretary of the Crosskeys Branch Royal British Legion, Chairman of the Crosskeys & Pontywaun Community Partnership, Chairman & Contest Secretary of the Crosskeys Silver Band. Secretary of the Risca & Crosskeys Christian Aid Committee and Treasurer of the Risca & Crosskeys Churches Together. President of Risca and Crosskey Churches Together.

From May 2013 until May 2014, I was elected as Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee
Licensing Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group Pensions/Compensation Committee Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (Chairman) Wales Standard Council for Reigious Education (Executive Member) 21st Century Schools Cross Party Working Group

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Sight Support
Wales Council for the Deaf

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Chairman of Waunfawr Primary School, Crosskeys Chairman of Newbridge School

ATTENDANCE

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

Meeting	No. Attended	No. Held
Council	9	9
Education for Life	4	8

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

South Wales Programme Presentation

E Voting

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I no longer hold Ward Surgeries, my constituents preferred to either correspond with me by writing to me, or by sending emails, by telephone, or undertaking personal visits to resident's homes and community sites.

I hold an open door policy, but if a constituent requires a personal visit I try to arrange this for either the same day or as soon after as possible.

I worked in close partnership, with the local Community Partnership Organisation, on projects to improve the general appearance and facilities in the Crosskeys Ward.

During the last twelve months I helped to resolve/solve residents problems across a wide spectrum of civic & social problems.

I attended PACT Meetings with Gwent Police and Community Safety Officers.

I was Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council during 2013-2014 and as such I attended numerous events and functions throughout the borough which included the launch of Aberbargoed Library, the Talk Training Awards Presentation, the Crime Prevention Awards, the Islwyn Work Experience Programme Launch, Young Enterprise Awards Ceremony, Primary Schools Music Festival and Armed Forces Day.

I attended the Caerphilly Flower Festival, the Queens Award for Voluntary Services, the Four Counties Orchestral Concert, the launch of the Great British Walk, Proms in the Park, Federation of Small Businesses and a Charity Concert in aid of the National Autistic Society.

I also attended a Charity Concert in aid of the National Mining Memorial and the presentation of the Long Service Award by Cancer Research UK. Integrated Social Service Award Ceremonies in Ebbw Vale and Newbridge and presented Long Service awards at Fire and Rescue Head Quarters. I presented awards at the Looked After Children Awards Presentation and the Annual Prize Giving at Lewis School, Pengam.

In December 2013 I was honoured to attended several Carol and Christmas Concerts in various schools and churches. I also attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work Of Nelson Mandela and the Installation of the Chancellor of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

In total I attended 317 events and engagements, made floral presentations for 7×100 th Birthday, 2 Golden Wedding and 11 Diamond Wedding celebrations and raised a total of £8195.28 for my chosen charities.