# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**MAY 2018 - MAY 2019** 



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**ELECTORAL WARD**: Blackwood

**PARTY:** Independent

PROFILE: Ward Member for Blackwood - also Leader for Independent Party

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council

Appointments Committee
Licensing and Gambling Committee
Taxi and General Committee
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Appeals Panel

# SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Blackwood Town Centre Management Group Licensing and Gambling Sub Committee (when required) Taxi and General Sub Committee (when required) Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

# **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

#### **ATTENDANCE**

From May 2018 to May 2019 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

Meeting	No. Attended	No. Held
Council	11	11
Appeals Panel	3	3
Appointments Committee	0	1
Licensing and Gambling Committee	3	3
Taxi and General Committee	5	5
Taxi and General Sub Committee	2	12
Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	2	2
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee	7	7
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group	2	2
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	4	4

## TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Universal Credit (Seminar)

Sport and Active Recreation Strategy (Seminar)

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee (Annual Refresher)

Civil Parking Enforcement (Seminar)

Corporate Safeguarding Briefing (Seminar)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

Licensing Committee (Annual Refresher)

Policy & Resources Scrutiny (Annual Refresher)

**PDR Training** 

Blackwood Town Centre Management Group (Annual Refresher)

Licensing Procedures (Mandatory)

Auditing for the Future (Forum)

Schools Causing Concern (Recommended)

Equalities & Diversity (Requested)

The LDP Process – Planning (Recommended)

WLGA Leadership Academy

# WARD ACTIVITY

These are the issues that I have worked on over the past year many of which are ongoing: -

Since my election I have regular ward surgeries and delivered regular yellow newsletters to ensure effective Communication to residents. I have submitted numerous petitions, notice of motions to full Council and Scrutiny Committees.

I submitted a 5,700 named petition to save Pontllanfraith Leisure Centre from closure, together with a 3,000 named petition against the closure of the Blackwood Bus Station Toilets, plus a notice of motion.