

BCBC Councillor's Annual report

Councillor John McCarthy Ward Hendre

Party: Labour

Constituency report

Hendre is a two member ward myself and Cllr Julia Williams (independent) are working together to improve Pencoed.

A busy year as County Borough Mayor for Judy and me came to an end in May 2019 in which we attended more than 250 events with post Mayoral duties continuing until March 2020. It was an honour and a pleasure to serve our community in this way.

During this period I had the honour to officially open Pencoed Primary School as Chair of governors at the School, this was a special day. To open the "new safe routes to Schools" in the Hendre ward and to see the start of the next phase of the "safe routes to Schools" in the Verlindre ward. Installing two new bus shelters in the ward one on Hendre road and one on Min-y-Nant in courage local residents to use local transport, this was posable under the Councillor ward scheme. The continued on going work to improve street lighting, road surfaces, pavements, play parks and litter bins in the ward.

Meetings are at advanced stage with the new road crossing bridge at Penprysg with our local MP, AM, Network rail and BCBC. Under this scheme it is planned to make road safety improvements on Hendre ward.

I am a member of Pencoed Town Council. Town council representative on the board of Coity Wallia conservators and Friends of Salem Chapel.

Working to improve facilities in the ward, with opening of the new Skate Board Park, to improve youth services, location of suitable area for garden allotments, working to improve the area adjacent to the park and ride in Pencoed. Pencoed Town Council has taken over the Sports Pavilion on Felindre road (next to the swimming pool) to improve and modernise the facilities with the help of a community grant from BCBC.

I am a trustee of the Awen Cultural Trust aiming to improve local and Cultural services and a director of Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union, Operating a collection point every week (Tue-09:30-11:00) in Salem Chapel . Apart from Credit Union business, people come to see me about a range of local community issues.

We run street surgeries with our local MP finding them very successful, covering a range of local and national issues. Most people prefer to contact us by phone, letter, and email and I also engage with residents as I walk and cycle around the ward.

Chair of governors at Pencoed Primary School. Also a LA governor of Croesty primary school Pencoed. Taking an active role in all schools improving standards, attending concerts and events.

Attending many events such as Armed Forces day, Armistice day at the cenotaph in Pencoed.

Referrals 60

Matters dealt with as non-referrals 30.

Roles and responsibilities

I have attended the following committee meetings:

Full Council	13	
Appeals Panel		3
Licencing committee "B"	7	
Scrutiny 3 panel	6	
SACRE (Religious education standards in Schools).		4

Attended meetings of the following additional organisations:

Pencoed Town Council	20	
Croesty junior school governing body		5
Pencoed Primary School	22	
Director of Bridgend Lifesavers credit union		15
Coity Wallia meetings and events	8	
Political meetings	47	

Initiatives and special Activities

I am a member of Bridgend Rotary club, (President Nominee) raising funds for local charities and overseas projects. This year's projects are End Polio Now, working with Heronsbridge School to work with a School in Tanzania to supply fresh water and toilets, with longer term projects to build new classrooms. At Christmas (2019) I organised and ran with my committee the supermarket collection, raising over £5,000 for local charities. Aquabox, a water filtering system for a family with shelter equipment. Shelter box, this containing a large 6 man tent with all the equipment a family will need after a disaster such as an earth quake or a typhoon storm.

A member of St David's Church taking part in church activities and fund raising events, operating a collection service for the Food Bank in Pencoed which operates on a Monday from 1:00 to 3:00.

Working with board of Coity Wallia to improve the surrounding common and areas within the town also supporting their charity fund raising events such as the St Mary Hill fair.

The Pandemic has set us lots of challenges. Pencoed Primary School has been able to remain open as a child care hub. The school family engagement officer has been able to organise and deliver food parcels to vungrable families in the community. Children without laptops and internet connections have received them from the local authority, with staff working from home to support them.

Learning & Development

Pre council meetings	13
School governor training courses	2