**BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCILLORS ANNUAL REPORT**

This is the report by the Councillor named below regarding their key activities over the year ending 30th April 2023. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

*Completion instructions: Councillors are free to include as much or as little information as they wish in each section, however the report is to be kept to this* ***2 page maximum*** *format.*

**Councillor: Ellen Jones**

 **Party: Labour**

**Ward: Tredegar**

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| **Section 1 – Roles and Responsibilities** |
| Partnership Scrutiny CommitteeCorporate & Performance Scrutiny CommitteeSchool Governor at Deighton TredegarPlanning CommitteeTai Calon BoardBlaenau Gwent & Caerphilly Care & Repair BoardGwent Public Service Board – Scrutiny CommitteeTredegar Ward Councillor |
| **Section 2: Constituency Activity** |
| Various issues and enquiries with the following coming up top :-Rats/various disabled issues and inquiries/sheep/ASB/Alcoholism/Drugs/Homelessness/Overgrown tree and bushes/Squatters/Housing issues/Grass cutting/Off road biking/Missed rubbish collections/Recycling this is just to highlight the top few.I am available to the public 6 days a week at Sirhowy Community Centre organising the food share/cooking on a budget/arts and craft sessions/arranging help with gas & electric vouchers + just pop in for a coffee help or advice Monday – Friday 10-12 Saturday 10-11. |

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| **Section 3: Cabinet and Scrutiny Activities** |
| I feel the most important issue so far was ensuring constituents knew about the budget engagement survey and they were encouraged to fill it in to help us decide what they would like the budget spent on and what is important to them. |
| **Section 4: Training and Development** |
| I attend Members briefings daily/weekly.October training – I am attending the Progressive Community Leadership Training.January/February & March 2024 – I am going to undertake the Leadership Programme Wales. |
| **Section 5: Initiatives, Special Activities and Issues** |
| Weekly fundraising at Sirhowy Community Centre.Issue grants out throughout the year as part of my role as a Borough Councillor.Took part in Tai Calon fun day where over 260 children turned up and took part along with their parents.Organised a bus trip for locals to Western Super Mare during the summer holidays.Distribute and organise community food share 6 days a week along with other volunteers.Undertaking a trip for the over 50’s for tinsel and turkey Christmas celebrations.Run a community co-op 3 days a week. |
| **Signature of Councillor: E L Jones****Date: 19.10.2023** |