



Friday 30th November

Melin Homes & Torfaen Councillor win national housing awards

Melin Homes received national recognition for its community development work at the Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru Awards held at the Celtic Manor on Friday 23 November.

The awards reward and promote outstanding contribution to housing and Melin received the 'Housing in the Community' award, for its work with local communities and in particular its sports initiative.

This encourages younger residents to get active by giving them the opportunity to try a range of sports and activities including football, rugby, tennis, fishing, rock climbing and bowls.

Chief Executive of Melin, Mark Gardner was thrilled to receive the award. He said: "In addition to providing homes for people, we are committed to making a positive difference in the communities where we operate. I would like to say a huge thank you to our community development officers and their colleagues who work tirelessly to encourage our residents, both young and old, to join in with our initiatives."

Torfaen Councillor and Executive Member for Housing & Community Safety, Gwyneira Clark, was also celebrating after receiving the 'Inspirational Colleague' award for her work in Torfaen communities. She said:

"I am overwhelmed at winning such a prestigious award. I am passionate about Housing and the way in which it can improve people's quality of life and am therefore honoured to be recognised in this way by the Chartered Institute of Housing. Being an 'inspirational colleague' to me is all about joint effort and partnership and I would like to thank all those people working with me to deliver good housing in our local communities".

Director of CIH Cymru, Steve Long said that the judging panel were impressed with the standard of all of the award nominees, but Gwyneira's nomination stood out. "Gwyneira has obviously made a significant and sustained contribution to Torfaen communities through her work in the housing field. We believe Gwyneira is an inspirational figure and the fact she is recognised as a colleague by all those with whom she works, is testimony to her commitment to collaboration and teamwork".

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Photo captions: Receiving the award for Melin Homes' Chief Executive, Mark Gardner, Principal Housing Officer , Andrea Miller and Chair of the Board, Doiran Jones JP.

Torfaen Councillor and Executive Member for Housing & Community Safety, Gwyneira Clark celebrates receiving the 'Inspirational Colleague' award for her work in Torfaen communities.

Note to editor:

Melin Homes is a not for profit landlord providing quality homes and services across Blaenau Gwent, Monmouthshire, Newport, Powys and Torfaen. For further information please visit www.melinhomes.co.uk

The Chartered Institute of Housing Cymru is the professional body for people working in housing across Wales. Its purpose is to maximise the contribution that housing professionals make to the well being of communities.