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ELECTORAL WARD: Nelson

PARTY: Independent

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Penallta Community Park Forum

ATTENDANCE

From May 2014 to May 2015 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

| <u>Meeting</u> | <u>No. Attended</u> | <u>No. Held</u> |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Council | 9 | 12 |
| Regeneration and Environment | 8 | 12 |
| Sustainable Development Advisory Panel | 1 | 3 |
| Education for Life | 5 | 8 |

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Webcasting

Performance Objectives (Seminar)

Medium Term Financial Plan (x2) (Seminar)

Common Housing Register (Seminar)

Information Governance (Mandatory)

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee (Annual)

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel (Annual)

Constitution (Mandatory)

20mph Zones (Seminar)

Microsoft Upgrade IT Training

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (Seminar)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries. From my experience I have found constituents prefer to contact me by telephone (01443 451834) or email (anneblackman@caerphilly.gov.uk). Often constituents see me out and about in the community shopping or on the buses and will stop and ask me questions, which I am always ready to answer. If anything more serious comes to my attention while out and about, I arrange to get back to the constituents concerned.

I am an elected member of Nelson Community Council.

In my capacity as a Ward Member for Nelson I speak at Council Meetings and Scrutiny Committees on issues that not only impact Nelson Ward but communities across the Borough.

Where necessary at the request of residents I have spoken on their behalf at Planning Committee in objection to applications within the Nelson Ward that were of concern.

I speak regularly at Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee, a major concern at the moment for my ward is traffic management and highway safety, where possible I highlight these issues on behalf of the resident living and working in Nelson.

As the Caerphilly Local Development Plan is being reviewed I have put forward what I believe to be important principles for the Nelson ward for the consideration of Officer and the Council as part of the consultation process.

I continue to represent constituents placing their concerns and requests before officers.