

ANNUAL REPORT

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PROFILE

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

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

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

St Johns Cymru Wales
Youth Forum

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Upper Rhymney Primary School
Rhymney Comprehensive School

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	12	12
Crime and Disorder	2	2
Policy and Resources	11	12
Regeneration and Environment	12	13
Community Council Liaison Sub Committee	0	2
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel	1	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee (Annual)
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee (Update)
Medium Term Financial Plan (x2)
School Categorisation (Seminar)
Constitution (Mandatory)
Information Governance (Mandatory)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I am a member of the Ael y Bryn Community Centre Management Committee and was also re-elected Secretary of the Pen y Dre Tenants & Residents Association.

I continue to, on a Quarterly basis, meet with the local Tenants & Residents Association, the police, community safety, dog warden, environmental health and the housing team to discuss and deal with issues in the ward.

We are progressing well with the Play Area Park proposal at Ty Coch, I am meeting with the Tenants & Residents Association and Council Officers regularly.

I have supported the local community centre with the set up of their new Luncheon Clubs which have proved to be very successful locally.

I have continued to work with the Allotments Group in Rhymney to support them with getting funding for a number of projects within the Allotments.

We are still progressing with the townscape heritage grants programme with the Heritage Lottery Fund to address the Butetown roofs and associated works. Also to incorporate works on the Union Iron Works Site near the Rhymney House Hotel to further enhance and strengthen the funding application.

Planning Permission has been granted for the Susannah Houses behind Pen y Dre, I am currently working with the developers to look at involving the local school so they can learn about the history of these cottages.

As part of the 1 Million Pound VVP Funding we received, we are hoping in the near future to see the opening of a new Multi Resource Centre at the former Hafod Deg Building on the High Street, Rhymney.

I have supported and worked with officers with regards to the 4.2 Million Pounds Regeneration Programme which is currently going on at Rowan Place. I am also part of the Multi Agency Group to look at tackling the wider issues in this area.

I am currently working with Princetown Residents and the Local Authority to have a Memorial Garden at Merthyr Road, meetings have been arranged to finalise costings with the hope to proceed with this project.

I regularly attend 'Your Voice Meetings' organised by the Police in order to highlight local concerns. I also organise in partnership with the Police, Street Surgeries.

I attended the Upper Rhymney Valley Cluster Meetings and am actively involved with the new Communities First Programme.