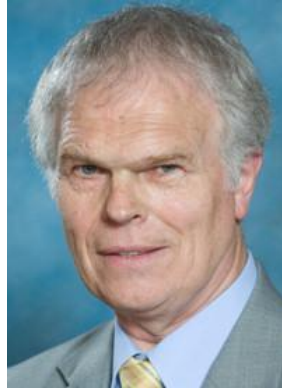


# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2014 - MAY 2015



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Llanbradach

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

**PROFILE:** I am a member of the Llanbradach Partnership, an elected member of the Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council and Vice-Chair of the Llanbradach Community Centre Management Committee

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council  
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Chair of Democratic Services Committee  
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee  
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel  
Scrutiny Leadership Group  
Standards Committee

## SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Homes Task Group  
Gwent Police and Crime Panel  
Pensions/Compensation Committee

## OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Board of Undeb Credyd Plaid Cymru Credit Union  
Member of the Board of Caerphilly Groundwork Trust  
Member of the Trustee Board of Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Citizens Advice Bureau

Member of the LGA Safer Communities Board  
 Lead Regional Peer - LGA  
 Member of the IDeA Peer Clearing House  
 Board Member (Vice-Chair) - via the Welsh Local Government Association - of the Local Government Data Unit-Wales  
 Greater Gwent (Torfaen) Pension Fund Management Group

### **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni  
 Ysgol Bro Sannan

### **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
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	2	3
Democratic Services Committee	4	4
Appointments Committee	1	1
Caerphilly Homes Task Group	4	7
Pensions Compensation Committee	5	5
Scrutiny Leadership Group	6	8
Standards Committee	1	3

### **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Democratic Service Committee (Annual)	Performance Objectives
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee (Annual)	Webcasting
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel (Annual)	Appointments (Mandatory)
Medium Term Financial Plan (x3) (Seminar)	20 MPH Zones (Seminar)
Common Housing Register (Seminar)	NATO Summit (Seminar)
Website Re-launch (Seminar)	
Caerphilly Collection Services (Seminar)	
Information Governance (Mandatory)	
Pensions/Compensation (Mandatory)	
Democratic Services Committee (Update)	

### **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I do not hold formal surgeries, as my constituents prefer to contact me in person or by telephone and email.

Over the past 12 months I undertook the following constituency activity and achieved the following positive outcomes for my ward.

**Llanbradach Health Centre.** Good news on the Health Centre! There have been quite a lot of meetings again and progress continues. The Aneurin Bevan Health Board is now going through the procurement process to appoint a contractor to progress the scheme. This will involve converting the former Church Hall and build an extension to provide premises big enough for the two existing doctor's practices in the village – for up to 5000 patients. If all goes as planned the new centre will be completed by October 2016.

**Housing Renewal Area.** Most people will now know that the scheme to renovate houses in the village came to an end last year. It is still regrettable that not as much work was done as originally intended due to the ceasing of funding from the Welsh Government but there is general recognition that the scheme has greatly improved the village. The vast majority of people living and visiting the village remark as to how much better Llanbradach looks due to the Renewal Area work.

**Llanbradach Partnership.** I continue to be a member of the partnership which is involved with environmental work and other activities in the village. The Partnership worked with Coedybrain and Cwm Glas schools to hold the lantern parade last December – in spite of the weather and it is hoped that it will be possible to hold another parade this year.

**Llanbradach Football Club.** The club continues to flourish and now has an excellent changing rooms and HQ due to the hard work of the committee. The seniors were very successful last season, gaining promotion. In addition to the normal fixtures there was a successful visit to ASSL Servel in Brittany – the eighteenth year of the football partnership between our village and Ploubezre/Servel. This arrangement has by now given a large number of youngsters from both countries a great opportunity to experience each other's cultures.

**Newsletters.** Together with Councillor Rob Gough I have distributed a number of newsletters on various issues within the ward.

**Twinning activities.** I represent Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council – together with Community Councillor Kim Choo Yin - on the Caerffili and District Twinning Association. At the time of writing, the Association is preparing for the biannual visit to Brittany. If you would like to know more about the twinning activities please let me know.

**Schools.** I keep in touch with our local schools and support their activities wherever possible. I would like to congratulate Coedybrain Juniors for their success in the Urdd Eisteddfod. The Grwp Llefaru gained third place in their competition – an excellent achievement for a group from an English language school! Llongyfarchiadau!

**Urdd Eisteddfod.** The Urdd (youth) Eisteddfod was held at Llancaich Fawr last May. I was a member of the local group which successfully raised over £3600 towards the cost of the event. I also helped with stewarding on several occasions during the eisteddfod week.

**Garth Owen.** In conclusion I would like to mention that I have supported the work that has been done by Llamau to extend and renovate Garth Owen. This now provides an excellent facility for, mainly 16 and 17 year old youngsters, who are not fortunate enough to be able to live at home and prepares them for independent living.