

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Ynysddu

**PARTY:** Labour

## **PROFILE:**

I enjoy taking part in community life and attending community social events throughout the valley. I am Chair of the Lower Sirhowy Valley Communities Partnership, Secretary of the Wyllie Residents Association, Treasurer of the Friends of Ynysddu Youth and a member of the Cwmfelinfach Community Hall Committee.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

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

## **SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS**

Pensions/Compensation Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

I represent the Council on the South Wales Fire Authority and to fulfil my duties, I attend the following committees:

Fire Authority Meeting  
Fire Authority Finance Audit and Performance Management Committee  
Fire Authority Asset and Performance Management Committee  
Fire Authority Finance and Asset Performance Working Group

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Cwmfelinfach Primary School  
Ynysddu Primary School

## **LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEES**

Lower Sirhowy Valley Partnership (Chair)  
Friends of Ynysddu Youth (Treasurer)  
Wyllie Residents Association (Committee Member)  
Cwmfelinfach Community Hall Committee (Council Representative)

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	11	12
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee	2	2
Democratic Services Committee	3	4
Pensions Compensation Committee	5	5
Policy and Resources	10	12
Regeneration and Environment	11	11

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Microsoft Upgrade IT Training	Constitution (Mandatory)
Webcasting	20mph Zones (Seminar)
Performance Objective	
Democratic Services Committee (Update)	
Regeneration and Environment Committee (Update)	
Common Housing Register (Seminar)	
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)	
Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (Seminar)	
Caerphilly Collection Services (Seminar)	
Democratic Services Committee (Annual)	
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee (Annual)	
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee (Annual)	

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

**Have worked with my fellow Ynysddu Ward Councillor on the following:**

- ▶ Held joint Police and Councillor Street Surgeries through the valley.
- ▶ Published regular newsletters to constituents, which have been hand-delivered throughout the valley.
- ▶ After fighting for many years for a drainage scheme throughout the valley the £210k drainage scheme for the back of Glen View Terrace is now completed.

- ▶ Initiated and continue to hold an annual Flood Prevention Committee for residents of 'Over the Bridge' Ynysddu – as this low lying ground needs regular maintenance to the flood defences and the best people to make sure this happens is the ones who live there.
- ▶ Reconvened and continue to ensure an annual meeting is held to monitor and receive regular updates on a quarry above Ynysddu in which industrial waste was deposited back in the 1950's.
- ▶ Worked with local residents to organise play activities throughout the summer in the valley. Also, free tennis during the summer holidays on the Ynysddu tennis courts.
- ▶ Worked with parents and Primary school to fight withdrawal of the free primary school bus from Wattsville to Cwmfelinfach. This issue is still ongoing!
- ▶ Residents complained of 'flicker' from the newly installed wind turbine overlooking Ynysddu and Cwmfelinfach. Highlighted this in the Councillors newsletter and asked for residents to come forward with their experiences. As a result, residents came forward and Council officers are now investigating.
- ▶ Listened to residents when they objected to the loss of the flowerbeds on the green in Ynysddu when they had been grassed over. Their suggestion that wildlife friendly flowers and trees be planted was forwarded to the appropriate Council department and this is now being done.
- ▶ Met with residents to discuss the candidate site submissions for the Local Development Plan (LDP) to build houses around our villages. Held village meetings in Wyllie and submitted my objections to the housing proposals.