

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Hengoed

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PROFILE:

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee

Appointments Committee (Chief Officer Related Posts/Heads of Service)

Appeals Panel (Disciplinary/Grievance)

Audit Committee

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bryn Compost Liaison Group

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee

Voluntary Sector Sub-Committee

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel

Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group

Corporate Parenting Group

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council

Gelligaer Community Council

Penallta Community Park Forum

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Derwendeg Primary School

Hengoed Primary 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>
Appointments Committee	2	2
Audit Committee	4	4
Bryn Compost Liaison Group	4	4
Community Council Liaison Sub Committee	1	2
Council	12	12
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	10	10
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	2	2
Sustainable Development Panel	3	3
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	4	4
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group	2	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Voluntary Sector Liaison Group (Annual)	20mph Zones (Seminar)
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (Annual)	Audit (Mandatory)
SDAP (Annual)	Appeals (Mandatory)
Microsoft Upgrade IT Training	Webcasting
Information Governance (Mandatory)	Performance Objectives
Appointments (Mandatory)	
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (x2)	
Website Re-Launch (Seminar)	
Caerphilly Collection Services (Seminar)	
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee (Update)	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries as my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone and email when I am needed.

For Christmas 2014 my ward colleagues and I distributed a card to every dwelling with our contact details together with a list of useful telephone numbers. Our details were also included on the Gelligaer Community Council newsletter, distributed to every house or flat twice yearly.

I have dealt with a wide range of constituents' queries about housing (applications, repairs and improvements), social services, litter and dog fouling, road and pavement maintenance, over-hanging branches and vegetation, drainage and other issues. I informed potentially affected residents of possible changes in the Council's Local Development Plan and encouraged them to attend the exhibition organised by the Planning department. Complaints and queries about the NHS were forwarded to the Community Health Council. I have given advice and liaised with officers where appropriate.

Speeding traffic is a considerable worry to residents, with fears for highway safety. I made representations about the establishment of a 20 mph speed limit on Hengoed Rd outside Derwendeg School and along Hengoed Ave. I liaised with the local police and PCSO and regularly attended the PACT meetings organised by the police in our local community centres and more recently their street surgeries.

I have kept in touch with local pensioners' groups and listened to their concerns..

As a member of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee I have raised issues, scrutinised the officers' reports and asked for reports on matters of concern to my constituents. I carried out a number of Rota Visits to Social Services establishments during this period.

As Chair of Gelligaer Community Council I represented the Council at many events, including celebrations for a 70th wedding anniversary. I visited a number of local voluntary organisations and attended concerts.

As a governor of Derwendeg Primary and Hengoed Primary Schools I have visited the schools on a number of occasions and attended governors' meetings and training sessions.

I have continued to be an active member of Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council and attended a number of meetings and training sessions. One of our most important activities is our hospital visits where we feed back to the Health Authority our observations on the way the hospitals are run, the level of cleanliness, aspects of health and safety and the attention paid to patient care. I talk to people as often as possible about their experiences of the NHS and raise issues with the Community Health Council with a view to trying to improve the Health Service.