

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Blackwood

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

I am a Trustee of Caerphilly Disability CanDo.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee (Vice Chair)

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel

Appointments Committee (Senior Appointments)

Standards Committee

Licensing Committee

Gwent Community Health Council

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Blackwood Town Centre Management Group

Voluntary Sector Sub-Committee

Scrutiny Leadership Group

Constitutional Working Party

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Blackwood Town Council

Disability Caerphilly CanDo

Blackwood and District Crime Prevention Panel
Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council
Groundwork Wales Trust

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Blackwood Comprehensive
Blackwood 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
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group	1	3
Council	10	12
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny	10	10
Licensing Committee	4	5
Licensing Sub Committee	0	2
Scrutiny Leadership Group	7	8
Standards Committee (Present as Substitute)	2	2
Sustainable Development Panel	2	3
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	1	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Voluntary Sector Liaison Group (Annual)	Performance Objectives
Licensing Committee (Annual)	Webcasting S1
Standards Committee (Annual)	SDAP (Annual)
Microsoft Upgrade IT Training	Constitution (Mandatory)
Licensing (Mandatory)	20mph Zones (Seminar)
Appointments (Mandatory)	Collection Services (Seminar)
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (x2)	School Categorisation (Seminar)
Common Housing Register (Seminar)	
Update Health Social Care and Wellbeing (Seminar)	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

Although bi-monthly surgeries were initially held, these were not well attended and I find that most constituents prefer to telephone or email me with their concerns. I will then make an appointment to visit them at home.

Working with fellow ward colleagues we addressed a number of traffic management issues including illegal car parking in Blackwood Town Centre. I also dealt with residents concerns including assistance with housing queries and social services concerns, cleansing and environmental concerns. Regular attender at problem solving meetings held by Blackwood Police including Insp Carl Williams and Sgt Mark Thomas and his team.

I am a regular at Blackwood Crime and Prevention Panel meeting and have been on street surgeries with them regarding OWL.

I am also a Community Councillor on Blackwood Town Council and am an active member of their events committee helping to arrange the Carol Concert, Lantern Parade and Blackwood Carnival, – which last year included me taking on the guise of ‘Pepper Pig’ for the enjoyment of the young children attending the carnival.

Working with Caerphilly Cancercareline and as Trustee for Disability Can Do I was instrumental in securing grant funding for their Welfare Support Service which is resource for disabled adults and their carers. I raised funds for them by arranging table-top sales and have actively participated in ‘bag-packing’ events.