# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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**ELECTORAL WARD**: Risca East

**PARTY:** Labour

PROFILE:

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Council

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee

# SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS:

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel Community Council Liaison Sub Committee Risca Town Centre Management Group Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal (Crumlin Arm)

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS:**

**Groundwork Trust Caerphilly** 

# **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY:**

Governor Risca Community Comprehensive and Tysign Primary

# ATTENDANCE:

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

Meeting	No. Attended	No. Held
Community Council Liaison Group	0	2
Council	8	12
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal (Crumlin)	0	3
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee	8	12
Risca Town Centre Management Group	1	2
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	1	3

#### TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

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

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny (Update) Webcasting

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) Performance Objectives School Categorisation (Seminar) Governor Induction

Website Re-Launch (Seminar)

Constitution (Mandatory)

Information Governance (Mandatory)

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal (Crumlin Arm) (Annual)

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY:**

I provide the TLC Shop in Ty-Sign with my contact information, this allows anyone wishing to make a book appointment or set up a surgery meeting with me as and when required.

I continued to attend ward meetings with my colleagues Nigel and Rhiannon to discuss ward related issues and how we can help achieve positive outcomes for the ward.

A committee has been established in relation to the Ty-Sign Skate Park and I regular attended the committee meetings.

I have attended numerous Governors meeting for Risca Community Comprehensive School and Ty-Sign Primary School.

I participated in a 'fun run' for Cancer Research as well as various other fundraising activities throughout the year.

I made numerous visit to the CAB in Risca and Bargoed with local residents to support them in a variety of ways, often in relation to personal issues.

I met with residents of Hafod-y- Bryn in relation to changes of bus routes and times in order to highlight the concerns of the older members of the community using public transport.

I made myself available to local resident experiencing difficulties in completing Housing Benefit applications and also accompanied them to meetings with Housing Officers.

I helped with the transportation of furniture for local people moving into the ward for the first time to give them the best start possible. Along with Ward Colleagues I attended meetings to look at how to support and encourage the economic development of local businesses including Zipworld.

Attended community events such as the Risca Fete, Memorial Day Services, GCSE Certificate Presentations in Risca Comprehensive and various walks around the ward in response to queries raised in relation to safe routes to school, dog fowling and rubbish tipping.

I've acted as a representative for local people in meetings with the Council and other bodies as requested.

I've made referrals on behalf of residents to appropriate services and accompanied Housing inspectors in relation to the gardens in Holly Road as well as liaising with Officers with regard to the issues relating to the garages in Ty Sign.