

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Pengam

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE: Cabinet Member for Community & Leisure Services

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Cabinet

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bryn Compost Liaison Group
Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership Delivery Group
Joint Consultative Committee
Rights of Way Cabinet Sub Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Fields in Trust (formerly National Playing Fields Association)
Heads of the Valleys Joint Organics Project Joint Committee
Local Government Association
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee
Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership
South East Area Environment Group
Welsh Local Government Association
Urban Commission (Local Government Association)
Domestic Abuse Champion
Islwyn Bowls Club Management Board

White Ribbon Campaign

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Pengam Primary School

Hendre Infants School

Fleur-de-Lis Primary School (observer status)

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	1	1
Bryn Compost Liaison Group	4	4
Cabinet	25	26
Community Council Liaison Sub Committee	1	2
Council	12	12
Joint Consultative Committee	4	4
Pensions Compensation Committee	1	1
Rights of Way Cabinet Sub Committee	1	1

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Bryn Compost Liaison Group (Annual)	Performance Objectives
Roles and Responsibilities of Cabinet Members	Webcasting
Constitution (Mandatory)	Planning (Annual)
Information Governance (Mandatory)	20 MPH Zones (Seminar)
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)	NATO Summit (Seminar)
School Categorisation (Seminar)	
Caerphilly Website Re-launch (Seminar)	
Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (Seminar)	
Caerphilly Collection Services (Seminar)	

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services, I acted as the Cabinet expert in these areas, ensuring that the views and needs of the service are built into the Council's policy framework and the decision making process. I attended 6 Scrutiny meetings where I regularly updated other Members about my key portfolio activities

Along with Councillor Christine Forehead I acted as Domestic Abuse Champion for the Authority and Caerphilly obtained the White Ribbon Campaign's organisational status in the summer of 2014. A series of events were held in connection with the White Ribbon campaign, including the re-launch of the Domestic Abuse Multi Agency Centre in Ystrad Mynach.

I attended numerous events throughout the county borough including, the Pride in Your Place, the 11th annual Disability Six Nations tournament at Ystrad Mynach Centre of Sporting Excellence and The 2nd annual Caerphilly 10k race which saw the introduction of a junior race.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

2014 - 2015 has been a difficult year due to the austerity cuts that have began to impact on the Pengam Ward. The Council agreed to turf over all flowerbeds over a 2 year period, 50% each year. Fortunately I am able to confirm that funding for the flowerbeds to be planted with shrubs has been obtained.

A major planning application for houses in Glan y Afon Lane brought the community together to oppose the application. I spoke in Planning Committee against the application, as did a number of residents and thankfully the application was refused, as a result of community unity against the application a number of friendships were formed

I have continued to hold joint surgeries with Gwent Police in the Pengam Library and have carried out a number of street patrols with the Police.

Unfortunately the Britannia Residents Association folded after a number of successful years where they obtained a considerable number of grants. I had attended many meetings of the association and played a small part in its success.

I still attend on a regular basis, the meetings of the Britannia, Fleur de Lis and Pengam Association and act on the issues raised by its members.

Attendance at the armistice parade continues to grow with all age groups attending. I continue to work with Officers to arrange road closures legal notices and the placing of the road signs.

I was until recently a member of the Islwyn Indoor Bowls Executive Committee and it was inspiring to see the hard work and dedication put into the stadium by the committee volunteers.

I have and will always answer all telephone calls, and make house calls where required as I believe it is the duty of a councillor to represent his community and act as a advocate for individuals and groups in the community