

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Hengoed

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

## COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council  
Licensing Committee  
Planning Committee

## SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bryn Compost Liaison Group  
Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee  
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group

## OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Gelligaer Community Council  
One Voice Wales

## SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Derwendeg Primary  
Hengoed Primary

## ATTENDANCE

From May 2015 to May 2016 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
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Council	7	12
Planning	13	14
Licensing Committee	2	5
Licensing and Gambling Sub-Committee	3	3
Licensing Sub Committee (Taxi and General)	2	2
Bryn Compost Liaison Group	0	2
Community Council Liaison Sub Committee	2	3
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group	0	3

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Planning Committee (Annual)  
 Community Council Liaison Sub Committee (Annual)  
 Planning Committee (6 Monthly Update)  
 Effective Communication and the Digital Landscape  
 Treasury Management (Seminar)  
 Gypsy & Travellers and the Housing Act (Regional Seminar)  
 Information Governance (Mandatory)  
 Probity In Planning  
 Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I have received and completed numerous passport applications from residents

I have completed references for private housing and job applications

I have received and passed on highways complaints to appropriate Officers as pot holes have become a big problem in my area. Also parking on pavements and double yellow lines plus trees that overhang the pavements

I have dealt with anti social behaviour nuisance, such as off road motor bikes, noisy neighbours, drug and alcohol misuse, dog fouling, closures and diversions of footpaths and rights of way.

I have spoken with many residents about the new L.E.D. street lighting that council is installing some like them, some don't. I have also had conversations with officers and other Members on this issue, and again some are for the L.E.D lights whilst others are against. Personally I don't like them and feel some places seem very dark but they do make a cost saving when compared to traditional street lighting options.

I have spoken to and emailed Council Officers and Sustrands Officers regarding the new cycle track that runs from Pottery Lane south past the Cwm Calon estate unfortunately it's not quite reaching cycle path 47. I have been in touch with residents of Hengoed, Ystrad Mynach and St Cattwg wards and we are all hoping that money can be found to complete the work in the not to distant future.

We have been fortunate enough to have funding for improvements to Hengoed Ave and past Derwendeg School it will consist of extra traffic calming and 20.MPH speed limit I and my ward colleague Mrs Pritchard took part in the consultation. We are also having some extra double yellow lines for the north of Gelligaer Rd.

The rights of way issues over the Cwm Calon site have still not been resolved. This has been very frustrating as I don't believe temporary closures should last 2 years

I am also a member of Gelligaer Community Council through which many groups like football clubs, jazz bands, OAP's bus trips to Porthcawl, Panto's and many Charities to numerous to mention have received funding.

I don't hold surgeries as I post my address and telephone number to my constituents more than twice a year so they can get in touch with me anytime.