

ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2015- MAY 2016



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ELECTORAL WARD: Risca East

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE

Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services and Domestic Abuse Champion

I am a Member of Risca East Community Council and Executive Director of Gwent Hospital Contributory Fund

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee
Council
Cabinet
Joint Consultative Committee
Pensions Compensation Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Working Arm
Risca Town Centre Management Group

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Fields in Trust
Heads of the Valley Joint Organics Project Joint Committee
Islwyn Bowls Club Management Board
Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee
Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

I am a Governor at Risca Community Comprehensive School and Ty Sign Primary School and Treasurer of Risca East Play and Learn Group.

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>
Bryn Compost	2	2
Cabinet	20	21
Community Council Liaison Committee	2	2
Council	12	12
Joint Consultative Committee	4	4
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal	2	3
Pensions Compensation Committee	6	6
Risca Town Centre Management Group	3	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Public Speaking and Presenting to an Audience
New Think in Performance Management
Senior Councillor Development Programme
Finance (Seminar)
Probity in Planning (Seminar)
Constitution (Mandatory)
Treasury Management (Seminar)
Effective Communication and the Changing Digital Landscape
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar x 2)
Risca Town Centre Management Group (Annual)
Gypsy and Travellers and the Housing Act

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

I was elected to the position of Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2015. During my first year I have attended Cabinet, Council and Scrutiny Committee meetings where I acted as the Cabinet expert in these areas, to ensure that the views and needs of the service are built into the Council's policy framework and the decision making process. I regularly updated other Members about my key portfolio activities and as part of that portfolio I attended numerous events and made visits to local business throughout the County Borough.

These included visiting local playing fields, playgrounds and leisure centres, the Sport Caerphilly Legacy Games, Young Ambassador Celebration Day, the Standing Conference and WLGA Annual Conference. I took part in the Affordable Housing Road Trip, the Positive Futures Football Festival Launch and met with the Minister for Natural Resources on the Environment and Sustainable Development Revenue Grant. I was proud to attend the Pride

in Your Place Awards 2015 and the Annual Youth Forum Conference 2015. I was involved in the Budget Consultation Drop-in Sessions that took place throughout the County Borough and was part of the LDP Focus Group. I hold regular monthly meetings with Officers, Senior Managers and Directors to ensure that my portfolio priorities are on track. I regularly attended meetings with local working groups including the Islwyn Bowls Club, Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Working Arm Group, Sport Caerphilly Community Volunteer Awards, Cefn Forest Rugby Club, Bryn Compost Liaison Group, Town Centre Improvement Group and Allotment Associations.

I also attended the launch of the Big Spring Clean Campaign 2016, the Be Clean, Be Green, Be Tidy Campaign and the National Launch for AFFS Wales/Cymru.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I held Ward Surgeries every Friday between 11:00am and 12:00pm in the TLC Café, Ty Sign until late 2015 when the Café closed, but hope to reintroduce this later in 2016. My constituents are welcome to contact me by telephone, email or in person and I operate an open door policy for all.

I am a Governor at Risca Community Comprehensive School, I attended various school functions.

I made numerous representations to Housing Services on behalf of tenants and residents.

I worked closely with PCO's and Community Safety Wardens highlighting problems and following up on the areas on concern including anti-social behaviour around the Risca East Ward.

I worked closely with the Community Council to introduce a 20mph zone around Ty-Sign Primary School main entrance we hope to hear about the funding in 2016.

I worked with the Resident Group to make improvements to the Skate Park, this is an ongoing project.

I worked closely with my fellow Ward Members on numerous ward issues.

I continue to be involved in the Brecon and Monmouthshire Canal Working Group - Crumlin Arm.

I attended various civic functions throughout the year.