

ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2015 - MAY 2016



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ELECTORAL WARD: Ynysddu

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

I enjoy taking part in community life and attending community social events throughout the valley. I am Chair of the Lower Sirhowy Valley Communities Partnership, Secretary of the Wyllie Residents Association, Treasurer of the Friends of Ynysddu Youth and a member of the Cwmfelinfach Community Hall Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Democratic Services Committee
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee
Audit Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Pensions/Compensation Committee

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Cwmfelinfach Primary School
Ynysddu Primary School

LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

Lower Sirhowy Valley Partnership (Chair)

Friends of Ynysddu Youth (Treasurer)

Wyllie Residents Association (Committee Member)

Cwmfelinfach Community Hall Committee (Council Representative)

ATTENDANCE

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

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Audit Committee	3	4
Council	11	12
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny	1	2
Democratic Services Committee	3	4
Pensions Compensation Committee	6	6
Policy and Resources Scrutiny	8	8
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny	5	8

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Democratic Services Committee (Annual)

Policy and Resources (Annual & 6 Monthly Update)

Audit Committee (Mandatory)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar x 2)

Crime and Disorder (Annual)

Information Governance (Mandatory)

Treasury Management (Seminar)

Understanding the Statement of Accounts (Audit)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

- Welcomed Councillor Philippa Marsden who was newly elected to the Ynysddu Ward in April 2016 following the resignation of the sitting Councillor.
- Held joint Police and Councillor Street Surgeries through the valley.
- Published regular newsletters to constituents, which have been hand-delivered throughout the valley.
- The drainage scheme at the back of Glen View Terrace which had been finished last year needed additional work. Liaised between the Council and residents to ensure that the work was done.
- Continued to hold an annual flood prevention meeting for residents of 'Over the Bridge' Ynysddu – as this low lying ground needs regular maintenance to the flood defences and the best people to make sure this happens is the ones who live there.
- Met with residents who have had flooding from the Nant-y-Draenog Reservoir, Cwmfelinfach and arranged meetings between them and drainage officers.
- Continued to ensure an annual meeting is held to monitor and received regular updates on a quarry above Ynysddu where industrial waste was deposited back in the 1950's.

- Worked with local residents to organise play activities throughout the school summer holidays in the valley.
- Joined with local residents in a fight against a fuel recovery plant which is proposed for Nine Mile Point Industrial Estate. Spoke against the application at a planning meeting. This is ongoing.
- Shared concerns with residents who suffer shadow flicker from an existing wind turbine.
- Spoke against a new wind turbine application because of concerns that two wind turbines overlooking the villages of Ynysddu and Cwmfelinfach would cause even more people to suffer shadow flicker.