

# ANNUAL REPORT

## SEPTEMBER 2015 - MAY 2016



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen

**PARTY:** Labour

### **PROFILE:**

I was elected to represent the residents of Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen in September 2015. I have lived and worked in the ward for 9 years.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Democratic Services Committee  
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

### **SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS**

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee

### **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Councillor (representing the Bedwas Ward)  
Bedwas Workmen's Hall (Committee Member)  
Graig-y-Rhacca Resource Centre (Volunteer Director)  
Machen Community Road Watch (Advisor)

### **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

I am a Governor on Graig y Rhacca Primary & Nursery School  
I am a Governor on Bedwas High School

## **ATTENDANCE**

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

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Community Council Liaison Sub Committee	1	1
Council	9	9
Democratic Services Committee	3	3
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny	5	6

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

I undertook the following training and development seminars and courses:

- Public Speaking Presenting to an Audience/Webcasting
- WLGA Leadership Academy
- Finance (Seminar)
- Probity in Planning
- Equalities and Diversity
- Treasury Management (Seminar)
- Effective Communication and the Changing Digital Landscape
- Information Governance (Mandatory)
- The 5 Year Housing Plan (Seminar)
- Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I am always available so that constituents are able to contact me for my assistance. I can be contacted via e-mail, telephone, social media and in person. I, along with my fellow County Councillors and Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Councillors, hold monthly advice surgeries. I also make myself available for home visits at the request of local residents.

I have liaised with many residents regarding issues affecting them and I have worked with Council Officers, Cabinet Members and other Councillors to try and resolve their issues or concerns.

One of the main issues that I have dealt with since being elected last year, is dog fouling. I have worked closely with Officers at the Council to try and reduce the problem in the ward. I have requested more dog bins for the area and I have reported areas where dog fouling is a particular problem.

I have attended numerous site visits for planning applications in the ward to ensure that the concerns of residents are heard.

I attend meetings and have a good relationship with local Police Officers.

I regularly attend Graig y Rhacca Resource Centre Directors' Meetings.

I am an Advisor for the Machen Community Road Watch and regularly attend their Committee Meetings. I am also a volunteer for Machen Community Speed Watch. I am proud to be involved with this group of people who are dedicated to improving road safety in Machen Village.

I am an active member of the Bedwas Workmen's Hall Management Committee and regularly volunteer at the number of events that are held at the Hall. I, along with the other hard-working members of the Hall Committee, am also active in fundraising for the refurbishment of the Hall and the installation of a lift.

I have attended numerous fundraising events in my ward including Macmillan Coffee Mornings.

I have set-up a Facebook page so that I can keep constituents up-to-date with what I am doing. My page currently has 265 likes with some of my posts being seen by over 2,500 people.