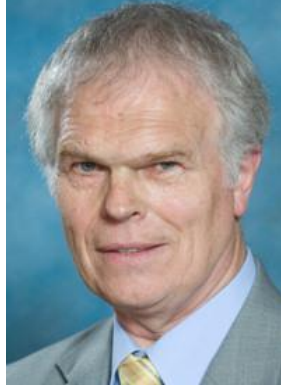


ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2015 - MAY 2016



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ELECTORAL WARD: Llanbradach

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE: I am Chair of the Llanbradach Partnership, an elected member of the Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council and Vice-Chair of the Llanbradach Community Centre Management Committee

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Democratic Services Committee (Chair)
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel
Scrutiny Leadership Group
Pensions Compensation Committee
Standards Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Homes Task Group
Gwent Police and Crime Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Board of Undeb Credyd Plaid Cymru Credit Union
Member of the Board of Caerphilly Groundwork Trust

Member of the Trustee Board of Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Citizens Advice Bureau
Member of the LGA Safer Communities Board
Lead Regional Peer - LGA
Member of the IDeA Peer Clearing House
Board Member (Vice-Chair) - via the Welsh Local Government Association - of the Local Government Data Unit-Wales
Greater Gwent (Torfaen) Pension Fund Management Group

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni
Ysgol Bro Sannan

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>
Council	12	12
Crime and Disorder	2	2
Policy and Resources	6	8
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	3	3
Democratic Services Committee	4	4
Caerphilly Homes Task Group	3	7
Pensions Compensation Committee	6	7
Standards Committee	1	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel (Annual)
Policy and Resources Scrutiny (Annual & 6 Monthly Update)
Audit Committee (Mandatory)
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar x 2)
Senior Councillor Development Programme
Scrutiny Leadership Group (Annual)
Effective Communication and the Digital Landscape
Treasury Management (Seminar)
Negotiating and Influencing Skills
Probity in Planning

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold formal surgeries, as my constituents prefer to contact me in person or by telephone and email.

Over the past 12 months I undertook the following constituency activities and achieved the following positive outcomes for my ward.

Llanbradach Health Centre. The project continues to make progress, although the progress is far slower than most of us would wish with completion likely to be around two years away. I have arranged for the Llanbradach Partnership to meet representatives of the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) and the appointed contractors, Apollo. The Health Board will be using the Partnership for public liaison as the scheme continues to develop. ABUHB has now formed a Project Board with representatives of various interests, including the local Doctors' surgeries. I, together with Carol Hopkins, am representing the Llanbradach Partnership on the Project Board.

Llanbradach Partnership. I continue to be a member of the partnership which is involved with environmental work and other activities in the village. The Partnership worked with Coedybrain and Cwm Glas schools to hold the lantern parade last December – in spite of the weather and it is hoped that it will be possible to hold another parade this year.

New Play Area. It was great news for the youngsters that the new play area has now been completed on the Cwm Glas field (rear of Plasturtwyn Terrace). This is a much needed facility for young children at the northern end of the village, although it is course available for any youngsters. The majority of the funding came from planning gain money in relation to the Bluebell View development. It has taken a long time to identify, agree and fund the equipment but it is now there for the enjoyment of the little ones.

Llanbradach Football Club. The club continues to flourish and now has an excellent changing rooms and HQ due to the hard work of the committee. In addition to the normal fixtures the club hosted a visit from the juniors of ASSL Servel in Brittany – the nineteenth year of the football partnership between our village and Ploubezre/Servel. This arrangement has by now given a large number of youngsters from both countries a great opportunity to experience each other's cultures. It is an attraction for many young people not available via other clubs in this area. Congratulations to everyone from the club, led by Kenny Ball who has worked very hard to make this arrangement successful over the years.

Newsletters. Together with Councillor Rob Gough I have distributed a number of newsletters on various issues within the ward.

Twinning activities. I represent Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council – together with Community Councillor Kim Choo Yin - on the Caerffili and District Twinning Association. At the time of writing, the Association is preparing for the biannual visit from Brittany. This year is a special year as the Association will be celebrating 25 years since the signing of the original Twinning Agreement between Caerffili and Lannion. If you would like to know more about the twinning activities please give me a ring. You don't have to be French speaking to take part although knowledge of the language obviously helps.

Schools. I keep in touch with our local schools and support their activities wherever possible.

Excess Traffic. Rob and myself are continuing to press council officers about the problem of huge numbers of drivers heading for Cardiff leaving the by-pass during the morning commute and driving through the village. We are still waiting for the Welsh Government to release money so that improvements can take place on the Pwllypant roundabout to enable it to handle increasing numbers of vehicles.

Extra lighting. There has been an issue for quite some time for people leaving the trains from Cardiff and walking down under the railway bridge. Many felt unsafe due to the lack of

proper lighting on the down side of the bridge. It is pleasing to note that work that Rob and I have done to resolve this issue has now resulted in an extra light being erected to hopefully resolve the issue.

Garth Owen. In conclusion I would like to mention that I have supported the work that has been done by Llamau to extend and renovate Garth Owen. This now provides an excellent facility for, mainly 16 and 17 year old youngsters, who are not fortunate enough to be able to live at home and prepares them for independent living. The home welcomes visitors from interested people who would like to learn more about their activities.