

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Abercarn

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** I am involved with Llanfach Village Hall

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee  
Licensing Committee  
Pension Compensation Committee  
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee

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

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group  
Community Centres Task and Finish Group

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

I continued to campaign to save the Welsh Church, Abercarn  
I am a Member of the Committee at the Rest Bay, Porthcawl

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Abercarn Primary School  
Cwmcarn High School

## **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>
Community Centres Task and Finish Group	3	4
Council	10	12
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee	4	8
Licensing and Gambling Sub-Committee	4	4
Licensing Committee	4	5
Licensing Sub Committee (Taxi and General)	5	5
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal	2	3
Pensions Compensation Committee	3	4
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	1	4

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Health and Wellbeing Act (Seminar)  
Pensions Compensation Committee (Mandatory)  
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal (Annual)  
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar x2)  
Equalities and Diversity  
Gypsy and Travellers and the Housing Act (Regional Seminar)  
Information Governance (Mandatory)  
Negotiation and Influencing Skills  
Treasury Management (Seminar)

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I do not hold surgeries as my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone and email.

I continue to work on behalf of the residents of the Abercarn and Cwmcarn Ward. I deal with numerous issues for them, including highways and environment concerns, housing related issues, health and wellbeing – including signposting them to the correct department or officer.

Work is ongoing with Council Officers and Abercarn Rugby Club relating to the regeneration of the site to incorporate new unisex changing rooms, dining area and a wet bar. Demolition works to the old memorial stand have been completed, which will be replaced by a monument to the exterior of the club to commemorate the names of players who lost their lives during the Llandow Air Disaster. I have also worked with Abercarn RFC to resolve sewerage issues at the nearby rugby playing fields.

I continued to work with Council Officers and Cwmcarn High School throughout 2015 following the successful removal of asbestos and other maintenance works at the site, which have enabled a safe environment for both staff and pupils.

I worked with Council Officers and other organisations regarding the successful development of Newbridge Riverside Park, which includes a recreational area and skate-park located under the A472 Trecelyn Viaduct.

I liaised with the relevant bodies regarding the fencing-off of the walkway alongside the River Ebbw at the Prince of Wales Industrial Estate in Abercarn and this work has now been safely completed.

Construction works are ongoing regarding the doubling of the railway line between Crosskeys and Aberbeeg, and I have continued to work with National Rail on behalf of residents in the Coed Celynen/West End area regarding noise disturbances arising from night-time works to the tracks.