

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Maesycwmmmer

**PARTY:** Labour

## **PROFILE:**

Cabinet Member For Social Services and Child Poverty Champion

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council

Cabinet

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee

Cabinet as Trustee of Cwmcarn Memorial Cottage Hospital Fund

Pension Compensation Committee

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

Joint Consultative Committee

Rights of Way Cabinet Committee

River Rhymney Task Group

View Point Panel

Voluntary Sector Liaison Group

Community Council Liaison Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Community Furniture Enterprise – Chairman of the Board of Directors

Cross Party Committee on Waterways

Children and Young Peoples Partnership

Gwent Frailty Joint Committee  
Health Social Care and Well-being Partnership  
Groundwork Wales

### **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

I am Chairman of Governors for Maesycwmmmer Primary School and Vice Chair of Governors for Lewis Girls 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>
Cabinet	18	21
Council	12	12
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	3	3
Joint Consultative Committee	2	4
Pensions Compensation Committee	1	2
River Rhymney Task Group	1	1
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee	3	4

### **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (Mandatory)  
New Thinking in Performance Management  
Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar x 2)  
River Rhymney Task Group (Annual)  
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee (Annual)  
Health and Wellbeing Act (Seminar)

### **CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY**

As Cabinet Member for Social Services, I act as the Cabinet expert in this area, to ensure that the views and need of the service are built into the Council's Policy Framework and the decision making process. I attended Scrutiny meetings where I regularly updated other Members about my key portfolio activities.

Promoting the Fostering and Adoption Services was one of my main priorities last year, the need for young children to find caring foster parents for short term care and the overriding need for those children whose prospects in life would very severely curtailed if we cannot provide dedicated, caring adoptive parents.

There is an ever growing trend towards closer working partnerships throughout the Pan Gwent area such as the Gwent Frailty Scheme as financial restraints get ever tighter and I am actively involved in this work.

I attended regular meetings with Officers, Senior Managers and the Director of Social Services; I also attended the Annual General Meeting of the Caerphilly Youth Forum and presentation evenings for Looked After Children.

I made regular visits to the ACRF Teams and attended the Partnership Forum Development Day, Gwent Frailty Joint Committee, CSSIW Engagement Meeting, Palliative Care for Children and Young People in Wales – Future Needs Report Launch, World Alzheimer's Day, Dementia Friendly Communities Day, Corporate Safeguarding Board, Pride in Your Place Awards, 50+ Forum and the Corporate Parenting Group.

I also nominated a group of volunteers from Maesycwmmmer at the Pride in Your Place Awards for the Keeping Up Appearances Award for their work in clearing and tidying Tabor Church grave-yard. I was very pleased and proud when they won first prize in their category.

I attended meetings with Health Boards, Welsh Government, Children and Young People Partnership and the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Partnership.

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

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

I was and continue to be Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

I am actively involved in the Community being a Community Councillor and Chairman of the Village Partnership.

As do all local Councillors, I dealt with personal enquiries to supply references for people, passport applications and provide advice on where to find help and support for people experiencing difficulties.

I worked closed with the Police in the area and the local CSO Officers when dealing with local problems.

I have made referrals with regard to highways, housing, environmental and health and social care issues on behalf of my constituents.

I continued in my role as Secretary of Maesycwmmmer Angling Club.