

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Risca East

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE

Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services and Domestic Abuse Champion

I am a Member of Risca East Community Council and Executive Director of Plutus Health

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee

Council

Cabinet

Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners Institute

Cabinet as Trustees of Dafydd Williams Park

Joint Consultative Committee

Pensions Compensation Committee

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (from October 2016)

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Working Arm

Risca Town Centre Management Group

Bryn Compost Liaison Group (Chair)

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Fields in Trust

Heads of the Valley Joint Organics Project Joint Committee

Islwyn Bowls Club Management Board

Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee

Safer Caerphilly Community Safety Partnership

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

I am a Governor at Risca Community Comprehensive School and Ty Sign Primary School and Treasurer of Risca East Play and Learn Group.

ATTENDANCE

From May 2016 to May 2017 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Bryn Compost	3	3
Cabinet	19	21
Cabinet as Trustees of Blackwood Miners Institute	1	2
Cabinet as Trustees of Dafydd Williams Park	1	1
Community Council Liaison Committee	1	2
Council	10	10
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee	22	22
Joint Consultative Committee	4	4
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal	2	3
Pensions Compensation Committee	9	9
Risca Town Centre Management Group	2	2

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Finance (Recommended)

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal (Annual)

Answering Challenging Questions (Recommended)

Rent Smart Wales (Seminar)

Information Governance (Mandatory)

Risca Town Centre Management Group (Annual)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

Launch of the Corporate Parenting Handbook (Seminar)

City Deal (Seminar)

Treasury Management (Seminar)

CABINET MEMBER ACTIVITY

As Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services, I acted as the Cabinet expert in these areas, to ensure that the views and needs 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.

As well as regular meetings with Directors, Heads of Service, Officers, MP's and AM's with regard to my portfolio I represented Caerphilly County Borough at the following meetings and events: -

Landfill Gas Renewable Energy Scheme, Sport Caerphilly Primary Schools Euro 2016 Tournament, Town Centre Improvement Group, Hafodyrynys Air Quality Steering Group, Active Tavel Act – Member Engagement, Coach of the Future Launch, Active Gwent Silver Young Ambassadors Conference, Standing Conference, Voluntary Sector Achievement Awards, Safer Caerphilly Delivery Group, Caerphilly East Allotment Federation meeting, Waste Budget Challenge Board, Risca Miners Disaster, Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee, Pride in Your Place Awards ceremony, Sport Caerphilly Sports Awards evening, Holocaust Memorial Day and the Launch of the Progress/Cynnydd Initiative.

I also attended regular meetings for the Islwyn Bowls Club, Leisure Centres and site visits at the request of local ward Members

I was also proud to attend the launch of the Big Spring Clean Campaign for 2017, Commonwealth Flag Raising and the Disability 6 Nations Rugby Festival.

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

My constituents are welcome to contact me by telephone, email or in person and I operate an open door policy for all.

I am a Governor at Risca Community Comprehensive School, I attended various school functions, which included the celebrations for the 40th Anniversary of the School.

I made numerous representations to Housing Services on behalf of tenants and residents.

I worked closely with PCO's and Community Safety Wardens highlighting problems and following up on the areas on concern including anti-social behaviour around the Risca East Ward.

I worked closely with the Community Council to introduce a 20mph zone around Ty-Sign Primary School main entrance which we hope to have completed in 2017.

The improvements to the Skate Park continued this year and hope to be completed shortly.

I worked closely with my fellow Ward Members on numerous ward issues.

I continue to be involved in the Brecon and Monmouthshire Canal Working Group - Crumlin Arm.

I attended various civic functions throughout the year.