

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Nelson

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** Ward Member for Nelson

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Audit Committee  
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee  
Planning Committee

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

Pensions Compensation Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

EAS Audit And Risk Assurance Committee

## **ATTENDANCE**

From May 2017 to May 2018 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	9	13
Audit Committee	3	5
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee	7	9
Planning Committee	9	11
Pensions Compensation Committee	6	6

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Induction 2017

Data Protection

Audit Risk Training

Information Governance (Mandatory) (20.09.2017)

Medium Term Financial Plan (20.09.2017)

Treasury Management

Medium Term Financial Plan ( 31.01.2018)

Affordable Housing and The LDP

Planning 5 Year Supply

Illegal Money Lending

Effective Governance – Call-in

Unconscious Bias and Pre-determination

VAWDASV E-Training

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

These are the issues that I have worked on over the past year many of which are ongoing: -

### **Traffic and parking**

I have attended meetings and represented residents' views about parking and traffic concerns, including the volume of heavy traffic passing through the village. I have contributed to the Active Travel Integrated Network plan and the Ystrad Mynach Masterplan as they relate to Nelson.

### **Housing**

I have assisted individual council tenants with tenancy related issues, and liaised with the council's housing allocation team to resolve queries for individual residents. I was pleased to accompany council officers on a door-to-door consultation about the Welsh Quality Housing Standard Environmental Improvement Programme and to hear residents' views on the improvements they would like to see.

### **Planning and development**

I have represented the views of residents on proposals for the Ty Du site and recently attended a site meeting with the contractor appointed to carry out the road infrastructure works. I have answered a number of queries from residents over plans for the site. Each week I monitor planning applications received for the Nelson area.

### **Environment**

While the Nelson Environmental Group was active, I took part in a number of community litter picks, and I have liaised with council officers to arrange for areas of the village to be cleaned-up, cut-back and maintained. I attended a briefing about the National Grid refurbishment works taking place near the village to assess the impact on Nelson, and I have attended meetings with council officers concerning Eglwysilan Common.

### **Community events**

I was pleased to attend the opening of the Trafalgar Park Dementia Care Unit and to meet residents there. I also attended the Bedwelty Agricultural Show (now held at Llancaeath Fawr) where I was invited to judge one of the classes and present a number of cups. On a visit to Shingrig Road Allotments, I saw the work going on to involve pupils from Llancaeath Junior School and the wider community. And I was privileged to be asked to cut the ribbon at the opening of the refurbished skate park on 7 June this year. As a community councillor, I have continued to help organise and run the regular programme of community council events throughout the year.

### **Education**

I am an LEA appointed governor at Llanfabon Infants School, and I am also a governor at Llancaeath Junior School on behalf of Nelson Community Council. During the year, I regularly attended governor meetings, various events at the schools, and meetings with parents. I keep up to date with educational developments through governor training, the Governors Network and by attending the EAS Governors' Conference. I provided feedback on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools band B proposals as they relate to the proposed merger of Llanfabon and Llancaeath schools.

### **Council services**

During the year I assisted a number of residents with accessing council services and resolving issues. As part of the council's public consultation on the medium-term financial plans, I was in attendance at the Nelson Library event to hear residents' concerns in person. In order to protect Nelson residents' interests more broadly, I ensure that I keep abreast of new developments by regularly attending briefings and seminars on council strategies and proposals, such as Decisions for Future Generations, Regeneration Strategy, Wellbeing, and the City Deal.