

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Risca West

PARTY: Independent

PROFILE: Ward Member for Risca West

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Arm Working Group
Risca Town Centre Management Group

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

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	13	13
Health Social Care and Wellbeing	6	8
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal – Crumlin Arm Working Group	2	3
Risca Town Centre Management Group	1	2

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Induction 2017

Aneurin Bevan Health Board (Seminar)

Data Protection (Mandatory)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (20.09.2017)

Treasury Management

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar) (31.09.2018)

Information Governance

VAWDASV E-Training

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

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

In my first year as a Councillor I have been very active, apart from dealing with the many issues arising, from road safety concerns to assisting constituents with issues of a more personal nature I have been pushing hard with respect to our locality and its re-generation. This has included influencing decisions with respect to the use of Risca's Tesco monies.

An over-hang from the footbridge across the river that didn't materialise, unfortunately most of this money is going into demolition projects but we will see refurbished changing rooms at Longbridge for our local football and rugby teams and there will be some monies available to fund some small projects such as the re-siting of the Risca Cuckoo from its low impact site in Pontymister to a new home in Risca where it will stand proud on the side of the main road. I, like you want to see Risca regain its former vibrancy, to get back our identity, and with this in mind I am working on many small projects, one with a local businessman where we have bought a coal dram which, along with the replaced trees will eventually be placed on Crescent Road (subject to council planning approval) for people to see and recognise our mining heritage, particularly to remember those who perished in our two coal mines. In addition I had talks with another local businessman for the donation of land under covenant for a community garden. Unfortunately the passing of Mr Terry Howell has been a big blow to our community, perhaps it could still happen as a memorial to Terry.

We are also finally seeing the old Dr Wade's site being developed along with the Suflex site in the near future, and we have a consortium interested in redeveloping the Ty-Darran site which would be excellent news.

I think I can say Risca is changing for the better and long may it continue.