

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Risca East

PARTY: Labour

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Council
Health Social Care & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS:

Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel
Risca Town Centre Management Group
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group
Risca East Community Council

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Channel View Hall Committee
Joint Community Council Events Committee

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY:

Governor Risca Community Comprehensive

ATTENDANCE:

From May 2018 to May 2019 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	5	8
Council	8	11
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal	2	3
Risca Town Centre Management Group	1	2
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel	0	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Mon & Brecon Canal Group (Annual Refresher)

Corporate Safeguarding Briefing (Seminar)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I recently held a public meeting for residents regarding their concerns or issues with Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS) scheme and took them to a private meeting with the appropriate officers to find a way forward.

I provided a free toddler music class last year, each week during the summer holidays to help with childcare and child development during the summer holidays.

I organised and set up an annual Christmas and summer craft fayre in in the Channel View Community Hall. Enabling local businesses to promote their products/services in Risca East.

Put forward a notice of motion to allow parents who are adopting to have the same maternal/paternal rights as all parents, this was taken to the Welsh Government.

I organised and chaired two public meetings for the residents of Holly Road during the postal strike last year.

Spoke on local news to highlight the importance of finding an answer to the postal strike. Introduced and gave a speech for the now 1st Minister of Wales on his initial campaign trail at Blackwood Miners Institute.

Attended the three Armistice services in the Risca area. I created and organised the visual imagery on the screens at the Moriah Armistice Concert as well as organise local young people's art work to be displayed at the concert.

Attended a public meeting regarding the future of Sheltered Housing with the residents of Hafod Y Bryn.

Looked for a way forward and attended numerous meetings regarding the re-opening Risca Public Toilets.

Collected water and food on a daily basis in Aldi's during the mountain fire season last year for the fire fighters. Met with the Abercarn manager to see how best we could help them. Helped organised and help at the Summer Festival in Risca Park with the refreshment tent, serving teas and cakes, whilst raising money for a local charity.

I took part in a number of community litter picks with residents, across the canal and streets of Risca east area.

I have also take part in the monthly litter pick at Twmbarlwm with the Twmbarlwm Society. Helped organise Christmas Parties for children on Tysign including a Santa and selection boxes.

I attended a presentation evening at RCCS regarding their recent young film makers project, as well as a number of other presentation evenings at the school.

I help with ongoing concerns from residents regarding: bins not being emptied, parking enforcement, dog waste, WHQS works, overgrown hedges, weed control, fly tipping, asbestos control/tipping, grass cutting, untaxed vehicles, neighbourhood issues, parking issues.

As well as private issues with residents and home visits, where I receive calls and emails on a daily basis.

Lastly I hold a monthly surgery at St David's Church for the residents of Risca East.