

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Risca East

PARTY: Labour

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Council
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS:

Community Council Liaison Sub Committee
Risca Town Centre Management Group
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Risca East Community Council
Trustee of Channel View Community Hall

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>
Community Council Liaison Sub Committee	0	3
Council	9	11
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal	1	3
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny	6	9
Risca Town Centre Management Group	2	2

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Corporate Safeguarding Briefing (Seminar)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

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

I hold surgeries once a month every month in St David's Church on Ty Sign for the public to drop in and have a chat and cuppa.

I have held two public meetings for the residents of Holly Rd and surrounding area during the postal strike.

Met with the post office officials to try and solve the postal dispute.

Held a public meeting for residents and their concerns regarding WHQS and met with officers to discuss matters arising and an improved way forward.

Held public meeting with residents regarding the proposed new Resource Centre on Ty Sign.

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

Attended numerous meetings regarding re-opening Risca Public Toilets

Held Christmas and summer craft fayres in the community Hall in Channel View, Ty Sign with free cakes and tea.

Dealing with on-going complaints from residents concerns regarding:

Overgrown hedges

Broken fences

Bins not being emptied

Parking enforcement

WHQS contractors

Dog waste bins

Grass cutting and weed control
Neighbour disputes
Requests for dog waste bins
Neighbour boundary walls
Public Toilets
Disabled parking issues (people inquiring about disabled badges)
Cutting of hedges during nesting season
Plus on-going private issues with residents and home visits.

Involved in organising and promoting 'Totally Local' Initiative promoting many local small businesses throughout the Risca High St.

Helped organised the Summer Festival in Risca park with the refreshment tent re: teas and cakes

Attended three armistice services in Moriah Church, the Cenotaph in Risca and by the Darran.

Arranged for poppies to be placed on lampposts from the top to the bottom of Elm Drive.

Attended fund raising events with Risca Community Comprehensive School. Re: Blood Bikes. A voluntary organisation helping essential blood to be transferred to different hospitals in the country via Bike riders.

Attended presentation evening at RCCS regarding young film makers.

Attended presentation evening at RCCS regarding art presentation.

Once a month a help with Twmbarlwm Society with litter picking on the mountain.

Held community litter picks with residents, walking the canal and streets in the Risca east area picking up litter.

Helped organise a local crafters fayre in Ty Sign to promote local crafts people.

Did a fundraising walk for people with Dementia in Cardiff.

Attended two fundraising events in Risca to raise money for Suicide Awareness and Mental Health Awareness for Men.

Attended Christmas Parties for children on Ty Sign.

Collected water and food on a daily basis in Aldi's for the fire fighters when the mountains were on fire last summer. Took it to the fire station in Aberdarn and talked to the station manager for advice on how best to help.

Take telephone calls and reply to emails from residents on a daily basis.