

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
Waste Review Working group
Regeneration Board

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council
Caerphilly Foster Panel

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>
Council	9	11
Audit Committee	4	4
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee	8	9
Planning Committee	10	12
Pensions Compensation Committee	5	6

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

I have undertaken the following training and development: -

Governance and the AGS

Gwent Police Station Closures (Seminar)

Civic Parking Enforcement (Seminar)

Planning Policy Wales & Technical Advice Notes (Recommended)

Audit Committee (Annual Refresher)

Universal Credit (Seminar)

Planning Rules & Procedures (Mandatory)

Nature Conservation – Planning (Recommended)

Holding Effective Pre-Meetings (Requested)

The Importance of Questioning Skills (Requested)

Medium Term Financial Plan (Seminar)

The Appeals Process – Planning (Recommended)

Schools Causing Concern (Recommended)

Equalities & Diversity (Requested)

Admissions and Complaints – Education (Recommended)

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 parking issues at High Street, Wern Crescent, Caerphilly Road and Mabon Road. I have provided information to residents of parking enforcement issues.

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 have met with officers over empty and derelict properties in the village. I accompanied council officers at drop-in sessions at the community centre regarding the Welsh Housing Quality Standard Environmental Improvement Programme and to hear residents' views on the proposed improvements.

Planning and development

I have continued to represent the views of residents on proposals for the Ty Du site and I have represented residents' views on individual planning objections. Each week I monitor planning applications received for the Nelson area.

Environment

I have liaised with council officers to arrange for areas of the village to be cleaned-up, cut-back and maintained. I have attended meetings with the agriculture minister, council officers, the police, and local residents concerning Eglwysilan Common.

Community events

As a community councillor, I have continued to help organise and run the regular programme of community council events throughout the year, including the recent consultation on Traffic Regulation Orders covering the village. I have also liaised with the police over recent drug incidents and proposals for diversionary activities to engage young people in alternative activities.

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, and various events at the schools. I keep up to date with educational developments through governor training, the Governors Network and by attending the EAS Governors' Conference.

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 provision of sports facilities and 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.