

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Bedwas Trethomas and Machen

**PARTY:** Labour

## **PROFILE:**

I've lived in Trethomas for 40 years and am proud to have represented the ward of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Graig-y-Rhacca collectively for 22 years as both a Community and County Councillor.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee  
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee  
Planning Committee  
Audit Committee

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

Voluntary Sector Sub-Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council – Chairman  
Graig-Y-Rhacca Community Centre Management Committee

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Chairman of Tyn-y-Wern Primary School, Trethomas  
Governor Bedwas Junior School

## **ATTENDANCE**

From May 2012 to May 2013 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	8	9
Health, Social Care and Wellbeing	8	8
Regeneration and Environment	7	8
Planning Committee	11	12
Audit Committee	1	3

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

I undertook the following training and development seminars and courses: -

Presentation Skills Part 1	Code of Conduct
Welfare Reforms	Appointments
Prosiect Gwyrdd	Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Statement of Accounts	Corporate Parenting
Community Infrastructure Level	
Basic Child Protection Awareness Training	

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I do not presently hold surgeries, as my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone, email or in person. I make myself available for home visit at the request of residents.

I represented and liaised with the different departments of the Council on behalf of local residents on all issues including highways, environmental and educational concerns, as well as housing issues, repairs, social service referrals and signposting residents to the appropriate officer. I organised a visit by the Chief Planning Officer to highlight ward issues and requested and attended Planning site visit in order to raise awareness of planning concerns in the area and try and achieve the best possible outcome for my ward.

I worked with our Council Wardens and Officers from Gwent Police in order to raise awareness of any concerns including anti social behaviour, parking and traffic calming measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our ward.

As trustee to the Old Age Pensioners Association Bedwas and supported them in maintaining their base in St Mary's Street.

My priority concerns for my ward were for the wellbeing and safety of children and environmental issues, tidy streets and leisure facilities that are affordable for our youth are very important to me as local Councillor. I also worked to promote respect and accessibility for our elderly and disabled residents and this was of paramount importance for me over the last year.