

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** St. Cattwg

**PARTY:** Labour

## **PROFILE:**

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee (Chairman)

Democratic Services Committee

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee (Chairman)

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (Chairman)

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

Bryn Compost Liaison Group

### **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Tiryberth Village Hall Management Committee (Chairman)

### **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Glyngaer Primary School

Trinity Fields School and Resource Centre (Vice Chairman)

## **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               |
| Crime and Disorder   | 2                   | 2               |
| Policy and Resources | 8                   | 8               |
| Democratic Services  | 1                   | 3               |

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

|                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Code of Conduct            | South Wales Fire and Rescue Service |
| Planning                   | Secondary Rationalisation           |
| Prosiect Gwyrdd            | Medium Term Financial Plan          |
| Aneurin Bevan Health Board |                                     |

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

Every week I dealt with casework for individuals and groups within my ward. These involved a range of issues, including housing, planning, social, educational and environmental matters. I am available via telephone seven days a week and I ensure that my number is widely circulated.

I campaigned on behalf of residents in Gelligaer and Penybryn who have suffered the odour problems generated by the activities at Bryn Composting at Gelliargwellt Uchaf Farm. I made representations to the planning appeal meeting held in early 2013. The appeal was upheld but I ensured that residents views were heard by inspectors. There has been some improvement with the odour situation and I will ensure that residents remain represented on the Bryn Compost Liaison Committee.

I am a governor on two schools, Trinity Fields and Glyngaer Primary. In 2012 I provided business development lessons for year six pupils at Glyngaer. I am also Vice Chairman of Trinity Fields Governing Body.

In 2012 I worked with council officers and an external private building company to solve problems with brickwork on private houses in Glyngaer. The outcome involved significant repairs to brickwork on a number of properties.

As Chairman of Tiryberth Village Hall Management Committee, I was involved in the successful application for a Big Lottery People and Places grant of nearly £400,000 in order to demolish and rebuild the Hall. This was awarded in April 2013. The project is due to begin shortly and I am currently working on the preparation for this.

As Chairman of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, I worked closely with members and officers to review council policies. In 2013 for example, I requested a report on the council's approach to employee surveillance. The Committee reviewed the policy and unanimously agreed changes to it, which will make it more open and widely understood by all members of staff. Other issues addressed by the Committee have supported the council's

policy of avoiding redundancy where possible; to improve way that the council consults the public on important issues; and to more actively involve the council's recognised trade unions in the Committee's discussions of matters that affect the workforce. In future I want to encourage more people from outside the council to provide information to the committee to help us make decisions.