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ELECTORAL WARD: Pengam

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

I have lived at 57 Fair View since I was two years of age, attended Pengam Primary School & Blackwood Comprehensive School. I possess a BSc Psychology & MSc Occupational Psychology from Cardiff University. I am currently employed as Research and Public Relations Officer for Islwyn AM Gwyn Price.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Voluntary Sector Sub-Committee
Sustainable Development Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

N/A

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Fleur-de-Lys

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	6	9
Health, Social Care and Wellbeing	5	8
Sustainable Development Panel	1	6

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Code of Conduct
Welfare Reforms

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone and email.

The range of issues coming to me in my role as your local councillor are many and varied in nature; from working with Council Officers in sorting out overgrowth, potholes, blocked drains and fly tipping to complex planning issues, housing, social services and anti-social behaviour. I did my utmost to get a satisfactory conclusion to every issue and concern that was raised by the tenants and residents of Pengam and Fleur-de-Lys.

I worked with Officers on the issue of the adoption of the 'Black Path' at Bryn Gwyn, which is under investigation by the authority, and supported the formal application for adoption made by residents of Bryn Gwyn. This means that this right of way is now protected pending a full adoption by CCBC. Also the lane at Padfield Cottages is to be blocked off to traffic, which makes the area safer for people using it to get to the bus stop and will stop the mud and stones from being spread around and making a terrific mess in the street.

I attended events in the community and enjoyed the Flower Festival at the Institute, which was fantastic. I was particularly delighted to hear the choir from my old school, Pengam, at the event. They sounded great! The flower displays were based around shoes and the displays were as original as they were colourful. This was a shining example of local creativity and I can't wait for next year's event just to see what people will do with the flower displays.

I am involved with the Ecopark and we are constantly looking for funding to maintain the park and make necessary improvements. It is a fantastic educational resource used by our schools to inform children about nature, the need for conservation and management of the environment. The Ecopark held a number of events throughout last year and the committee did and do an incredible job of managing the Ecopark for us all to enjoy. Many seem unaware that more than half of the Ecopark is in Pengam, but the committee is very light on members from our community. The Ecopark is a community resource and provides a green buffer between Pengam and Cefn Fforest, it would be a great shame to lose it. So if you have some spare time to do something for the Ecopark then please come along to a meeting of the Friends of the Ecopark. They are usually held on the last Thursday of the month at the Fire Station, Cefn Fforest. Give me a call if you would like to know more.