

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Argoed

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

I am a Freeman of the City of London, a Freeman of Islwyn Borough, Community Councillor for Argoed and Chairman of Argoed Community Hall.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee
Planning Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Rest Convalescent Home Porthcawl

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Markham Primary 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	9	9
Health, Social Care and Wellbeing	8	8
Planning	11	12

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Code of Conduct	South Wales and Rescue Service
Planning	Medium Term Financial Plan
Prosiect Gwyrdd	Appointments
Community Infrastructure Levy	Welfare Reform
Winter Maintenance	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I held monthly surgeries at Markham Chapel and did a weekly walk through villages in my ward. My constituents are welcome to contact me by telephone, email and in person.

As part of the duties as Governor at Markham Primary School I acted as Father Christmas, presented the Banner for the School Centenary and worked in the School Garden. I worked closely with the Head Teacher on all issues affecting the school.

I reported issues of concern in relation to highways and assisted with gritting during the bad weather experienced at the beginning of the year.

I supported housing tenants and gave advice on Welfare Reform concerns signposting tenants to the appropriate Officers.

I requested and attended Planning Site Visits and conducted regular street walks within my ward in order to identify any areas of concern and reported them to the appropriate department.

I was Chairman of the Argoed Community Centre and regularly visited Holly Bush Community Centre and attended the Markham and District Community Centre Committee meetings.

As Chairman of the Markham Centenary Committee I was involved in the organisation of different events and liaised with the Argoed Residents Association to promote the community of Argoed.

I regularly attended PACT and Communities First meetings as well as the Community Fourm.