

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Blackwood

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

Vice-President of Parkinsons UK (Caerphilly Branch) and a Trustee of Disability Caerphilly CanDo.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel
Appointments Committee
Standards Committee (Reserve Member)
Joint Social Services Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Blackwood Town Centre Management Group
Voluntary Sector Sub-Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Blackwood Town Council
Disability Caerphilly CanDo
Blackwood and District Crime Prevention Panel

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Blackwood Comprehensive
Blackwood 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	7	9
Health Social Care and Wellbeing	8	8
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	3	6

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Code of Conduct	Corporate Parenting
Planning	Local Bus Service
Licensing	Treasury Management
Welfare Reforms	POVA
Community Infrastructure Levy	Medium Term Financial Plan
Winter Maintenance	Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Appointments	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

Ward surgeries are held on the first and third Thursdays of every month at Central Library, Blackwood.

Organised and collected signatures on a petition with regard to the change of use planning application at Blackwood Gate Retail Park, permission was subsequently granted and enabled the site to be opened up to other kinds of retail. The site is projected to be three quarters full by Christmas with the promise of many new jobs.

Campaigned for 20 mph speed limit through Blackwood High Street and for Pelican crossings on High Street to become Zebra crossings. Also lobbied for dropped kerbs and DDA compliance outside Blackwood Miners Institute.

I spoke at Planning Committee on behalf of local residents and attended site and public meetings. The Planning Committee having considered our representations refused the application and this prevented developers from proceeding to build a massed development of some 22 dwellings of two and three storey houses, which would have towered over neighbouring properties.

Lobbied to keep evening security cover at Blackwood Bus Station and campaigned for the continuation of the Thursday night closure of the High Street to deal with the car cruiser problem

Played a part on the Management Committee as the County representative for Plas Mawr Community Centre in order to identify funds for the refurbishment of the centre, as part of my role I made an application on their behalf to Blackwood Town Council and they awarded a grant to the Mother and Toddler group in order to maximise use of the centre.