

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Ynysddu

**PARTY:** Labour

## **PROFILE:**

I have lived in Wyllie for the past 40 years and am proud to have been voted in for a third term as representative of the Ynysddu Ward. I enjoy taking part in community life and attending community social events throughout the valley. I am Chair of the Lower Sirhowy Valley Communities Partnership, Secretary of the Wyllie Residents Association, Treasurer of the Friends of Ynysddu Youth and a member of the Cwmfelinfach Community Hall Committee.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee  
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Democratic Services Committee  
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

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

Pensions/Compensation Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

I represent the Council on the South Wales Fire Authority and to fulfil my duties, I attend the following committees:

Fire Authority Meeting  
Fire Authority Finance Audit and Performance Management Committee

Fire Authority Asset and Performance Management Committee  
Fire Authority Finance and Asset Performance Working Group

### **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Cwmfelinfach Primary School

### **LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEES**

Lower Sirhowy Valley Partnership (Chair)  
Friends of Ynysddu Youth (Treasurer)  
Wyllie Residents Association (Secretary)  
Cwmfelinfach Community Hall Committee (Council Representative)

### **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
Regeneration Scrutiny	8	8
Policy and Resources Scrutiny	5	8
Crime and Disorder	1	2
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
Welfare Reforms	Local Bus Service
Prosiect Gwyrdd	Medium Term Financial Plan
Winter Maintenance	Aneurin Bevan Health Board
Appointments	

### **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

With my fellow Councillor, I took part in regular street surgeries. From September 2012 to May 2013 we joined with our local police officers and held 6 very successful Joint Police and Councillor Street Surgeries throughout the valley. I am also available on telephone and e-mail. Councillors' information newsletters were delivered by hand throughout the valley. The leaflets contain full contact details for the Ward Councillors.

As Chair of the Partnership Committee I worked hard with colleagues to facilitate and promote local projects and activities in the Valley. This included free tennis and Summer Play Schemes for the young people. I campaigned to extend Youth Service provision and am proud to support the extension of the summer opening of the Youth Club in Ynysddu.

I worked with the Partnership Committee to place a memorial plaque in Cwmfelinfach to remember the family who were killed by enemy bombs in WWII.

I worked with voluntary organisations to seek funding for projects, for example, Wyllie War Memorial; Sign on gate of Glan-y-nant Park in Cwmfelinfach; Summer Play Schemes; Free Professional Tennis Coaching for the children and young people of the valley.

I met with residents, the Environment Agency and Council officers to ensure measures were put in place to protect their houses from floodwater.

I met with residents and Council officers to improve a piece of Council land behind their houses, making it more wildflower friendly.

I arranged a meeting with bus passengers and the Commercial Director of Stagecoach to enable them to put forward their concerns

I made representations to the Highways Department regarding resurfacing of roads and pavements, reporting any areas of concern.

I met with and supported many residents of the valley with Council issues. Which varied from Social Services, Housing, Highway Maintenance, Environment, Parks and Leisure. One of the best things about being a Councillor is that you never know what the next phone call will bring. It keeps you on your toes and you are always learning new ways of helping people.

### **SCRUTINY REPORT REQUESTS**

Have requested the following reports for Councillors to discuss:

Tightening of Dog Control Orders - *because of those antisocial dog owners who fail to 'pick-up' after their pets.*

Policy for Vehicular Barrier Provision – *i.e. Barriers on roads with steep inclines*

Varying tennis court charges – *i.e. the tennis courts in Ynysddu are under used – is this because of the charges?*

Roll out of 20 mph speed limits in residential areas throughout the County Borough