

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Hengoed

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE:

I am a member of Gelligaer Community Council. I am voluntary Treasurer of the Management Committees of Hengoed Community Centre and the Youth Centre, Cefn Hengoed and also the Treasurer of the Cefn Hengoed & Hengoed Community First Partnership.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee

Appointments Committee (Chief Officer Related Posts/Heads of Service)

Appeals Panel (Disciplinary/Grievance)

Audit Committee

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bryn Compost Liaison Group

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee

Voluntary Sector Sub-Committee

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council
Penallta Community Park Forum

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Derwendeg Primary School
Hengoed 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	8	9
Health, Social Care and Wellbeing	8	8
Audit	3	3
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	6	6

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Code of Conduct	Planning
Licensing	Welfare Reforms
Prosiect Gwyrdd	Appointments
Aneurin Bevan Health Board	Medium Term Financial Plan
Corporate Parenting	Local Bus Service
Secondary Rationalisation	Nant Llesg
POVA	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries as my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone and email. After the council elections in May 2012, my ward colleagues and I distributed a leaflet to every address in the Hengoed Ward giving the contact details for both County Borough and Community Councillors. At Christmas each dwelling received a card with the same information, together with a list of other useful phone numbers.

Working with colleagues on Gelligaer Community Council I was involved in obtaining funding for the erection of a bus shelter outside the Cross Keys Public House which was and is much appreciated by local people. The Community Council also made a contribution towards long-awaited road safety improvements on the A469 under Hengoed Viaduct, which have now been completed.

I was involved in the external refurbishment of Hengoed Community Centre, which was partly funded by the Management Committee and which has greatly improved the look of the area.

A number of constituents have approached me about housing applications, housing repairs and improvements, social services matters, road and pavement repairs and maintenance, litter and other matters. I have advised them on the council's policy and liaised with the relevant officers where appropriate.

I have reported pot-holes & street lighting failures, which have been dealt with, and have also supported residents in their objections to an appeal to the Welsh Government Planning Inspectorate against an enforcement notice. (The appeal was withdrawn in June 2013 and the issue resolved to the residents' satisfaction). I addressed the Planning Committee on behalf of a resident. The planning application in question was approved.

I have attended PACT meetings and liaised with the local police about anti-social behaviour. The Parks Dept, the PSO, with involvement of myself and the local football club, have tried to resolve an on-going problem with balls being kicked over the football field fence into gardens – the fence has been raised and the football posts moved.

I have kept in touch with the local pensioners' groups and advised local organisations on applications for funding

I carried out 18 rota visits to Social Services establishments during this period.

As a Governor at Hengoed Primary and Derwendeg Primary I attended a number of Governors' meetings and other events at the schools.

As a member of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, I called for several reports, (sometimes informed by issues raised during my ward work) relating to services provided throughout the county borough.

My work with the Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council has involved regular meetings, training sessions, surveys undertaken outside doctors' surgeries and hospital visits (including a visit to Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr) throughout Gwent. Where possible I sought to obtain the views of my constituents to feed into the work of the CHC, in particular the consultations we carried out.