

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Risca West

PARTY: Independent

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Education for Life Scrutiny Committee

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

Audit Committee - Chair

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group

Risca Town Centre Management Group

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council

Risca West and East Community Activity Group - Chair

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Risca Primary

Trinity Fields Special 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	6	9
Crime and Disorder	1	2
Policy and Resources	3	8
Education for Life	3	8
Audit	1	1

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Code of Conduct	Licensing
Community Infrastructure Levy	Nant Llesg

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I held weekly Sunday Street Surgeries where two hundred households per week were given the opportunity to meet face to face with their councillors to have a chat and raise any concerns/issues they might have. Constituents can also communicate with me via telephone, e-mail and twitter. During the past twelve months I received and responded to just over 3000 e-mails, received and made 1095 telephone calls and travelled 2,980 miles undertaking constituency duties.

Over the past 12 months due to constituency commitments and priorities I was not always available to attend all Council Committee meetings but I always prioritised my attendance to ensure that where resident's issues were concerned they took precedence and those concerns were always fully represented.

As Chair of the Risca West & East Community Events Group I met weekly with the community members to organise the two annual major events in Risca Park- The Summer Fayre and Christmas Event.

I produced a bi-annual newsletter for my constituency, which highlighted areas of interest, events and updates of the work being carried out by myself and other ward member.

I regularly attended PACT meetings to highlight and learn about issues in the Risca area

I requested a planning site visit to bring to attention the plight of local residents living next to an industrial Unit. The concerns raised were resolved by appropriate planning conditions being put in place with the residents of the area being happy with the outcome.

I met and spoke to officers of the Housing Dept. on a regular basis with regards to repair and re-housing issues.

I chaired the group that successfully campaigned for Risca to have a referendum on whether the community should have a Community Council.

I worked closely with many sporting clubs in our area to ensure that leisure and play facilities in Risca meet the needs of the community. Working with Leisure officers, significant improvements, maintenance of facilities and repairs have been made at all our parks.

I worked closely with officers from highways over the past year to improve road conditions and traffic management systems in my area, which included gaining a resolution to the ongoing flooding at Commercial Street by the Tesco Bridge.

Following much dialogue with the Council and Environment Agency significant funding has now been set aside to help eliminate the flood risk to approximately 750 properties in Risca.

Once again, after continual requests to the council, Risca was rewarded with the services of a Town Centre Manager who has helped bring significant improvements to our Town Centre.

After clocking over 2900 miles carrying out constituency duties during the year, no claims were made by me for the mileage undertaken.