

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2012 - MAY 2013



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Penmaen

**PARTY:** Labour

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee  
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee  
Audit Committee

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

Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Local Authority Action for Southern Africa (LAACTSA)

## **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
Education for Life	5	9
Policy and Resources	6	8
Audit	2	3

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Code of Conduct	Welfare Reforms
Community Infrastructure Levy	Appointments
Medium Term Financial Plan	Corporate Parenting
South Wales Fire and Rescue Service	Secondary Rationalisation
School Governor Training	

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I held regular surgeries on a monthly basis and I am also available to my constituents by telephone (home and mobile) and by email. Surgeries were held in the local library, which is a hub of activity in the village, and this drew attention to the availability of myself and ward colleague Councillor Summers and our eagerness to assist our constituents. I offered an open door 24/7 policy for all my constituents.

With my ward colleague Councillor Jean Summers, we have an excellent working relationship and worked together as a team, which helped us achieve successful outcomes to the problems brought to our attention by our constituents.

Along with Councillor Jean Summers I produced a regular ward newsletter, on a quarterly basis, these highlighted issues of local interest and updated my constituents about Council policy and initiatives. Newsletters are delivered to every household in our ward and always contained our contact details.

I attended regular meetings of Oakdale, Penmaen and Woodfieldside Partnership to offer my assistance and advice.

I attended PACT meetings and worked closely with the local Community Police Officer.

I was particularly concerned about road safety and along with a large number of my constituents who shared my concern and we campaigned and continue to campaign for a 20mph restriction through the ward.

I responded to every request for help from my constituents and whenever possible provided written details of any enquiry I carried out on their behalf.

For the past 3 months I have been part of the 21st Century Schools Cross Party Working Group addressing the problem of surplus places in Secondary Schools.