

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Newbridge

PARTY: Labour

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Education for Life Scrutiny Committee
Regeneration and Environment

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group
Newbridge Town Centre Management Group

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Tynewydd Primary
Pentwynmawr Primary

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
Education for Life	6	9
Regeneration and Environment	5	6

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Managing Constituency Casework	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Code of Conduct	Nant Llesg
Planning	Appointments
Medium Term Financial Plan	Community Infrastructure Levy
Welfare Reforms	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I held surgeries throughout the year at the following places Newbridge – Labour Club, Penrwymawr – Community Hall and at St. Peter’s Close Communal Hall, Panside.

I worked closely with our local Police and the Community Safety Wardens and attended all the PACT meetings held.

I worked with the Newbridge Partnership and attended meetings when possible.

I have taken up cases for residents in my ward including speaking at Planning Committee with regard applications at the One Stop Shop at Newbridge as well as the McDonalds site. I have also requested planning site visits on behalf of local residents.

I have worked and continue to work on the Eco-Park in the Panside with the residents, including negotiations with regard to the lease to the bottom tier of the sports ground.

I have worked with colleagues in Planning, Highways and Environment services on behalf of residents, highlighting issues with road conditions, parking, drainage and planning applications in my ward.

I have worked with Housing colleagues with regard to repairs, issues and housing requests of local residents, and have worked closely with Sheltered Housing tenants highlighting issues of concern with the relevant departments.

I have worked with colleagues in Parks service with regard to the reopening of the Rose Garden at Pentwynmawr.