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ELECTORAL WARD: Nelson

PARTY: Independent

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee

Planning Committee (until October 2013)

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel

Education for Life Scrutiny Committee (from November 2013)

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bryn Compost Liaison Group (Resigned October 2013)

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee

Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Penallta Community Park Forum

ATTENDANCE

From May 2013 to May 2014 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	8	9
Regeneration and Environment	5	8

Planning Committee (until November 2013)	7	7
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	3	4
Education for Life (from November 2013)	3	3

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

E Voting	Freedom of Information and Data Protection
Equalities and Diversity	Planning (LPD Review)
Planning (PINS Presentation)	
Questioning and Listening Skills	Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation
Holding Effective Pre-Meetings	Social Services and Wellbeing Bill

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries. From my experience I have found constituents prefer to contact me by telephone (01443 451834) or email (anneblackman@caerphilly.gov.uk). Often constituents see me out and about in the community shopping or on the buses and will stop and ask me questions, which I am always ready to answer. If anything more serious comes to my attention while out and about, I arrange to get back to the constituents concerned.

Over the past year I have submitted written questions to Council on the cost of the Living Wage and on the Constitution of the Council.

I am an elected member of Nelson Community Council.

In my capacity as a Ward Member for Nelson I speak at Council Meetings and Scrutiny Committees on issues that not only impact Nelson Ward but communities across the Borough. Such as the closure of Toilets. I see this particular service as necessary to fulfilling a human need in our communities.

I put up a Notice of Motion re Nelson Boys and Girls land and building for Policy and Resources and Cabinet to consider, unfortunately without success, but, at least I tried.

I was disappointed to learn that because I live where I live, I could be seen by a member of the Public who knew the facts to have a Personal or Prejudicial Interest in the development of 35 Houses at Llancaiach Court, Nelson. I was advised to request a Dispensation from the Standards Committee which I did but, my Application was turned down. As a result I can only act as a 'resident' in this matter, not as an elected councillor.

I continue to represent constituents placing their concerns and requests before officers.