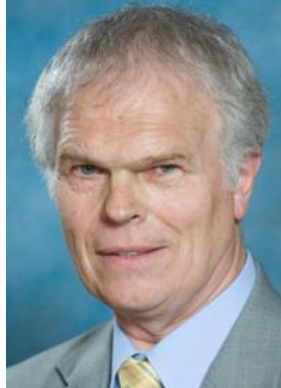


ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Llanbradach

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE: I am Chair of the Llanbradach Partnership, an elected member of the Llanbradach and Pwllpant Community Council and Vice-Chair of the Llanbradach Community Centre Management Committee

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Democratic Services Committee
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel
Scrutiny Leadership Group (from December 2013)

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Caerphilly Homes Task Group
Gwent Police and Crime Panel
21st Century Schools Cross Working Party

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Board of Undeb Credyd Plaid Cymru Credit Union
Member of the Board of Caerphilly Groundwork Trust
Member of the Trustee Board of Caerphilly and Blaenau Gwent Citizens Advice Bureau
Member of the LGA Safer Communities Board

Lead Regional Peer - LGA
Member of the IDeA Peer Clearing House
Board Member (vice-Chair) - via the Welsh Local Government Association - of the Local Government Data Unit-Wales

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni
Ysgol Bro Sannan

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	9	9
Crime and Disorder	2	2
Policy and Resources	5	8
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	3	4
Democratic Services Committee	5	5

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Area Forum Expenditure	Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation
E Voting	Medium Term Financial Plan
Common Housing Register	Equalities and Diversity
Planning (LDP) Review	Holding Effective Pre-Meetings
Chairing Skills	Questioning and Listening Skills

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold formal surgeries, as my constituents prefer to contact me in person or by telephone and email.

Over the past 12 months I undertook the following constituency activity and achieved the following positive outcomes for my ward.

Llanbradach Health Centre. Good news on the Health Centre! Following a number of meetings with various agencies we now have news of definite progress. Proposals are due to go to the Executive of the Aneurin Bevan Health Board at the end of July to convert the former Church Hall and build an extension to provide premises big enough for the two existing doctor's practices in the village.

Housing Renewal Area. Most people will now know that the scheme to renovate houses in the village has now come to an end due to the ceasing of funding from the Welsh Government. The vast majority of people living and visiting the village remark as to how much better Llanbradach looks due to the Renewal Area work. The original idea was to do a larger number of properties but unfortunately this was not possible due to improvements taking longer and costing more than originally estimated.

Llanbradach Partnership. I presently chair the partnership which continues with environmental work in the village. The most recent scheme was the planting of around 500 'whips' (small trees) on the plateau of the former coal tip. The Partnership is working with Coedybrain and Cwm Glas schools to prepare for a lantern parade on December 11th.

Llanbradach Football Club. The club continues to flourish due to the hard work of the committee. In addition to the normal fixtures there was a successful visit to Llanbradach from ASSL Serval in Brittany – the seventeenth year of the football partnership between our village and Ploubezre/Serval. This arrangement has given a large number of youngsters from both countries a great opportunity to experience each other's cultures.

Newsletters. Together with Councillor Rob Gough I have distributed a number of newsletters on various issues within the ward.

Twinning activities. I represent Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council on the Caerffili and District Twinning Association and, at the time of writing, am involved in preparations to mark the 20th anniversary of the signing of the twinning agreement between Llanbradach and Ploubezre. The visit from our partners is due to take place at the end of July.

Schools. I keep in touch with our local schools and support their activities wherever possible.

Urdd Eisteddfod. The Urdd (youth) Eisteddfod is due to be held at Llancaich Fawr next year and I am part of group holding fundraising events for the eisteddfod.

Council. I have submitted a number of motions to the county council including one on Welfare Reform and the Bedroom Tax.