

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2013 - MAY 2014



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Bargoed

**PARTY:** Labour

## **PROFILE:**

I am a member of the Bargoed Chamber of Trade, Bargoed and District Branch of the Royal British Legion, the Bargoed and Blackwood Branch of the Royal Forces Associations and Secretary of the Cartref Community Hall. I was Deputy Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council for 2013/14.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Democratic Services Committee  
Planning Committee (Chair)  
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee  
Appeals Panel (Disciplinary/Grievance)  
Audit Committee  
Scrutiny Leadership Group (from December 2013)

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

Bargoed Town Centre Management Group  
Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel  
River Rhydney Task Group  
Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education  
Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee  
21st Century Schools Cross Party Working Group

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

South East Wales Transport Alliance

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Heolddu Comprehensive School

St Gwladys Junior School

## **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	1	2
Policy and Resources	6	8
Planning	12	12
Audit	3	7
Democratic Services	4	5

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation	E Voting
Medium Term Financial Plan	Chairing Skills
Audit	
Planning (LDP Review)	Planning (PINS Presentation)
Planning (New Permitted Development Rights)	
Holding Effective Pre-Meetings	

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I no longer hold surgeries, my constituents prefer to call, (I operate an open door policy) email, or phone and if a personal visit is required I try to attend on the same or next day.

With my fellow members I've worked hard on a major regeneration of the town centre and there are invariably working groups of officers' members of the public and contractors, as well as visually monitoring progress of major projects. This year we welcomed the opening of the Morrison's Supermarket as part of the regeneration programme. The total budget for the regeneration will be approaching £100 million upon completion. This work began in 2004 and still has a few years to run before the programme is finalised.

I continue to support the Tenants and Residents of Green Gym and Nursery TARGGAN, an allotment and gardening project based in the Park Estate ward.

Over the last 12 months my fellow ward members and I acted as a team in solving residents' problem across a whole spectrum of civic and social problems.

I was Deputy Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council for 2013/2014 and attended numerous civic events throughout the Borough. Balancing civic engagements, constituency commitments and council meeting attendance was a challenge for me this year but I tried my best to ensure that my constituents and their concerns took priority.