

# ANNUAL REPORT

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**ELECTORAL WARD:** Abercarn

**PARTY:** Labour

**PROFILE:** I am involved with Llanfach Village Hall

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council

Education for Life Scrutiny Committee (Vice Chair until May 2014)

Licensing Committee

Scrutiny Leadership Group (from December 2013)

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

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group

EAS Joint Scrutiny Panel

21st Century Schools Gross Party Working Group

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

I continued to campaign to save the Welsh Church, Abercarn

I am a Member of the Committee at the Rest Bay, Porthcawl

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

Abercarn Primary School

Cwmcarn High 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                               | 8                   | 9               |
| Education for Life Scrutiny Committee | 6                   | 8               |

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation         | E Voting                           |
| Private Sector Housing                      | Medium Term Financial Plan         |
| Common Housing Register                     | Social Services and Wellbeing Bill |
| Chairing Skills                             | Assertiveness                      |
| Freedom of Information and Data Protection  | Equalities and Diversity           |
| Planning (New Permitted Development Rights) | Planning (The Planning Bill)       |
| Licensing                                   |                                    |

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I do not hold surgeries my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone and email.

I visited Gwyddon Court Sheltered Housing complex and attended their Coffee Mornings where possible.

I regularly attended the PACT meetings at Cwmcarn, Abercarn and worked closely with colleagues to resolve residents issues.

I worked with Officers from Housing to find solutions to tenants problems and concerns and also worked with Social Services on behalf of local residents.

Having worked with staff, parents and follow governors with regard to the asbestos problems at Cwmcarn High School I was pleased to welcome the re-opening of the school. My thanks to the Head Teacher, Governing Body and Staff at the school for all their work and support during this time.

I worked with Officers from Highways and Parks in relation to weed control, tree planting, dog fouling and litter control un the ward and had regular contact with Community Police Officer for the area on issues of concern. I also worked with Highways Officers in relation to the closing of the subways at Abercarn and Cwmcarn for repair work to be carried out to be completed in the summer of 2014.

Over the last 12 month I worked with the Committee on the refurbishment of the Llanfach Village Hall and are hoping to launch a new luncheon club.

I am pleased to announce that the Abercarn Colliery Disaster Memorial is in place at Abercarn Cemetery and I conduct regular maintenance checks to ensure that the site is being kept up.

I continued to liaise with the appropriate department on the ongoing works for the improvement and rebuilding of new changing rooms at Abercarn RFC on the site of the old stand.