

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Bedwas Trethomas and Machen

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

I've lived in Trethomas for 40 years and am proud to have represented the ward of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Graig-y-Rhacca collectively for 23 years as both a Community and County Councillor.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Planning Committee
Audit Committee
Scrutiny Leadership Group (from December 2013)
Governance Panel.

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee
School Governors Association

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen Community Council – Chairman
Graig-Y-Rhacca Community Centre Management Committee - Director
7th Caerphilly Scout Group - Trethomas Scouting Division

Graig y Rhacca Community Association.

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Chairman of Tyn-y-Wern Primary School, Trethomas
Governor Bedwas 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	8	9
Health, Social Care and Wellbeing	6	8
Regeneration and Environment	6	8
Planning Committee	11	12
Audit Committee	7	7

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Area Forum Expenditure	Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation
South Wales Programme Presentation	E Voting
Private Sector Housing	Medium Term Financial Plan
Common Housing Register	Social Services and Wellbeing Bill
Chairing Skills	Managing Conflict
Freedom of Information and Data Protection	Equalities and Diversity
Questioning and Listening Skills	Holding Effective Pre-meetings
Creative Thinking	
Audit	Planning (LDP Review)
Planning (PINS Presentation)	Planning (The Planning Bill)
Planning (New Permitted Development Rights)	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not presently hold surgeries, as my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone, email or in person. I make myself available for home visit at the request of residents.

I represented and liaised with the different departments of the Council of behalf of local residents on all issues including highways, environmental and educational concerns, as well as housing issues, repairs, social service referrals and signposting residents to appropriate Officers. I highlighted ward issues and requested and attended Planning site visits as a member of the Planning Committee in order to raise awareness of planning concerns.

I worked with our Council Wardens and Officers from Gwent Police in order to raise awareness of any concerns including anti-social behaviour, parking and traffic calming measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our ward.

I continued to support the Old Age Pensioners Association Bedwas.

I offer confidential one to one session with constituents who have more complex issues and liaise with all Council Departments on their behalf.

I sit on the Executive Committee for the Beavers & Scouts in Trethomas and have completed an enhanced CRB check so that I am able to fully work with the organisation. The unit in Trethomas cover all scouting ages.

I attended meetings of the Parochial Church Council in the Parish of Bedwas and acted as a link between the church and the different CCBC Departments.

As a volunteer Director of Graig y Rhacca Resource Centre, I have become more involved over the past year in the executive decisions of the Centre.

I have undertaken training with the Womens Network, The Leadership Academy of the Welsh Local Government Association as well as Seminars and Training with the County Council.