

# ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2013 - MAY 2014



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**ELECTORAL WARD:** St. Martins

**PARTY:** Plaid Cymru

**PROFILE:** I have had the privilege of representing the residents of St Martins Ward since 1999 and the residents of Caerffili Town since 1995 (Town Council).

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

Council  
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee  
Planning Committee  
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee  
Audit Committee  
Appointments Committee

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

Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group  
Pensions/Compensation Committee

## **OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Caerffili Town Council (Mayor 2014/15)  
Twyn Community Centre Chairperson  
Tommy Cooper Society  
St Johns Ambulance Caerffili Branch

## **SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

## **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	7	9
Crime and Disorder	2	2
Policy and Resources	6	8
Planning	11	12
Audit	6	7

## **TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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

Freedom of Information and Data Protection	Assertiveness
Audit	Planning (PINS Presentation)
Planning (New Permitted Development Rights)	Planning (The Planning Bill)
E Voting	Private Sector Housing
Medium Term Financial Plan	Common Housing Register
Social Services Well Being Bill	
Questioning and Listening Skills	Holding Effective Pre-Meetings

## **CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY**

I have together with my ward colleagues Colin Elsbury and Steve Kent attended 4 ward surgeries but have used door to door canvassing as the preferred means of meeting residents as well as receiving telephone calls, mail and email enquiries.

During the year my time as a Councillor has been divided into the meetings as above but also added to: -

Town Council meetings monthly and additional meetings to organise the Fireworks display, Christmas Lights event and supply the public address system for Remembrance Sunday. As Deputy Mayor for Town Council attended number of events throughout the year  
Help co-ordinate the very successful Caerffili Flower Festival for 2014.

Neighbourhood Watch meetings.

Planning site visits to various parts of the borough.

Governing body meetings at least one each term (for each school) together with additional finance, health and safety and buildings maintenance visits and regular ad hock meetings with the Head Teachers.

Management meetings for the Twyn Community Centre monthly.

PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings and police surgeries.

Reported highway potholes and requested a number of rubbish and dog fouling bins.

Reported number of cleansing problems as well as cutting back of overgrown hedgerows.

I also acted as a Responsible Individual on the after school and holiday club, Clwb Cwrt Rawlin" this is a club run separately from the school and is registered through CSSIW.