

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Ynysddu

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

I have lived in Wyllie for the past 40 years and am proud to have been voted in for a third term as representative of the Ynysddu Ward. I enjoy taking part in community life and attending community social events throughout the valley. I am Chair of the Lower Sirhowy Valley Communities Partnership, Secretary of the Wyllie Residents Association, Treasurer of the Friends of Ynysddu Youth and a member of the Cwmfelinfach Community Hall Committee.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Democratic Services Committee
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Pensions/Compensation Committee

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

I represent the Council on the South Wales Fire Authority and to fulfil my duties, I attend the following committees:

Fire Authority Meeting
Fire Authority Finance Audit and Performance Management Committee

Fire Authority Asset and Performance Management Committee
Fire Authority Finance and Asset Performance Working Group

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Cwmfelinfach Primary School

LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

Lower Sirhowy Valley Partnership (Chair)
Friends of Ynysddu Youth (Treasurer)
Wyllie Residents Association (Secretary)
Cwmfelinfach Community Hall Committee (Council Representative)

ATTENDANCE

From May 2013 to May 2014 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meetings</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	8	9
Regeneration Scrutiny	8	8
Policy and Resources Scrutiny	6	8
Crime and Disorder	2	2
Democratic Services	4	5

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Freedom of Information and Data Protection	Area Forum Expenditure
Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation	South Wales Programme Presentation
E Voting	Medium Term Financial Plan
Common Housing Register	Holding Effective Pre-meetings

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

- ▶ Have worked with my fellow Ynysddu Councillor on the following:
 - ▶ Held joint Police and Councillor Street Surgeries throughout the valley.
 - ▶ Published regular newsletters to constituents, which have been hand-delivered throughout the valley.
 - ▶ Fought for many years for drainage schemes throughout the valley to stop houses being flooded. The latest is a £210k drainage scheme for the top road Ynysddu.
 - ▶ Highlighted the problem of cyclists not using bells or any sort of warning sound when near pedestrians on countryside park paths. As a result of my intervention, education sessions will be held in local primary schools and an article placed in Newline to draw attention to this issue. Also have contacted our local MP who has been in correspondence with the Home Secretary over this problem.
 - ▶ Reconvened a residents committee to investigate and ask questions, following a leachate of industrial liquid waste from a quarry above Ynysddu and requested the Council increase

testing and monitoring. Also, request the Council publish a newsletter with an up to date report to be published in the autumn.

- ▶ Kept residents on an estate in Wattsville updated on the actions taken by the Council's Legal Department in a dispute over resurfacing.
- ▶ Worked with local residents to organise play activities throughout the summer in the valley. Also, free tennis during the summer holidays on the Ynysddu tennis courts.
- ▶ Worked with Council Officers and Youth Leaders in Ynysddu Youth Club to provide new furniture, equipment and a face-lift. The club now feels revitalized with increased attendance by the young people of the surrounding villages.
- ▶ Fought for two drainage schemes in Wyllie - where the mountain lane opens onto Heol-y-coed and on the slip road leading from Pen-y-cwarel Road to The Glades - the scheme saved houses from flooding last winter.
- ▶ Reported a foul smelling discharge on the cycle path near Pont Lawrence, Cwmfelinfach. Natural Resources Wales carried out an investigation into the cause, which was a blockage and carried out tests to ensure there was no danger to public health.
- ▶ Tree planting and landscaping at the back of Glen View Terrace and Caerllwyn Terrace has now been completed with the help of our local primary schools and a bench has been installed, funded by the local Partnership Committee.