

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Hengoed

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE:

During 2013/2014 I was Vice-Chair of Gelligaer Community Council. I am voluntary Treasurer of the Management Committees of Hengoed Community Centre and the Youth Centre, Cefn Hengoed and also the Treasurer of the Cefn Hengoed & Hengoed Community First Partnership. I was Vice-Chair of the Caerphilly Area Committee of the Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council and a member of the ABCHC's Executive and Planning Committees.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee

Appointments Committee (Chief Officer Related Posts/Heads of Service)

Appeals Panel (Disciplinary/Grievance)

Audit Committee

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bryn Compost Liaison Group

Community Council Liaison Sub-Committee

Voluntary Sector Sub-Committee

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council
Gelligaer Community Council

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Derwendeg Primary School
Hengoed Primary 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
Health, Social Care and Wellbeing	8	8
Audit	7	7
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	4	4

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Social Media Skills	Creative Thinking
Chairing Skills	Assertiveness
Freedom of Information and Data Protection	Equalities and Diversity
Appointments	Audit
Planning (The Planning Bill)	Area Forum Expenditure
Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation	E Voting
Social Services Rota Visits	Medium Term Financial Plan
Questioning and Listening Skills	Holding Effective Pre-Meetings

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries as my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone and email when I am needed. For Christmas 2013 my ward colleagues and I distributed a card to every dwelling with our contact details together with a list of useful telephone numbers. Our details were also included on the Gelligaer Community Council newsletter, distributed to every house or flat twice yearly.

I have dealt with a wide range of constituents' queries about housing (applications, repairs and improvements), social services, litter and dog fouling, road and pavement maintenance, over-hanging branches and vegetation, drainage and other issues. I have given advice and liaised with officers where appropriate.

Anti-social behaviour, both by young people and adults has been raised on several occasions, with noisy, inconsiderate neighbours and barking dogs always a problem. Speeding traffic is a considerable worry to residents, with fears for highway safety. I have liaised with the local police and regularly attended the PACT meetings organised by the police in our local community centres.

I have kept in touch with local pensioners' groups and consulted them about proposed cuts in Sunday and evening bus services.

As a member of the Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee I have raised issues, scrutinised the officers' reports and asked for reports on matters of concern to my constituents. I carried out 8 Rota Visits to Social Services establishments during this period.

As Vice-Chair of Gelligaer Community Council I represented the Council at a number of events, including celebrations for a 100th birthday, turning on the Christmas lights at Tiryberth School and the Bands in the Park performance in Ystrad Mynach.

AS a governor of Derwendeg Primary and Hengoed Primary Schools I have visited the schools on a number of occasions and attended governors' meetings and training sessions.

I have continued to be an active member of Aneurin Bevan Community Health Council and attended a number of meetings and training sessions. One of our most important activities is our hospital visits where we feed back to the Health Authority our observations on the way the hospitals are run, the level of cleanliness, aspects of health and safety and the attention paid to patient care. I talk to people as often as possible about their experiences of the NHS and raise issues with the Community Health Council with a view to trying to improve the Health Service.