

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Abercarn

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

Cabinet Member for Regeneration Planning & Sustainable Development -my cabinet duties involved visiting factories, businesses, social enterprises and shops. This is to celebrate their success and promote their business and ensure that the Council is able to offer help and advice to all those who need it. I Chair several grant funding panels offering grants to businesses and organisations helping to safeguard their job opportunities or to expand and develop their business and job creation.

I took part in the opening ceremony and launch of the Maes yr Onn Farmhouse sustainable development project. I have launched the Caerphilly Business Forum Awards and addressed the Forum at their award ceremony. I met Welsh Audit Officer on one to one interview basis regarding CCBC governance issues. I attended Sports Caerphilly Voluntary Awards event and attended Pride in Your Place awards.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Cabinet

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Bargoed Town Centre Management Group
Cabinet Sub Committee (Welsh Housing Quality Standard)
Blackwood Town Centre Management Group

Caerphilly Local Access Forum
Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group
Caerphilly Homes Task Group
Joint Consultative Committee
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group
Rights of Way Cabinet Committee
Risca Town Centre Management Group
Rural Development Partnership.
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel
Sustainable Development Core Group
View Point Panel
Welsh Housing Standard Quality Cabinet Sub Committee
Ystrad Mynach Town Centre Management Group
Cwmcarn Visitor Centre Supervisory Board Chairman
Chairman Community Regeneration Grant Fund Panel
Chairman Community Economic Development Grant Fund Panel
Chairman of the Focus Group for the LDP Review Panel
LAG Committee Member
Chairman Local Investment Fund Panel
Technical Assistant Grant Funding Panel
Independent Remuneration Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Capital Regional Tourism Partnership
Carbon Reduction Group
Caerphilly Tourist Association
Industrial Communities Alliance (formerly Coalfield Communities Campaign)
Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal Regeneration Partnership
South East Wales Economic Forum
South East Wales Strategic Planning Group
Caerphilly Business Forum Representative
Navigation Colliery Regeneration Sub Committee with the Prince's Trust

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

I am the Chairman of Cwmcarn Primary School Governing Body. I am a member of Abercarn Primary School Governing Body.

I am Chair the Cwmcarn Primary School Appointments Committee and Finance Sub Committee.

I am a Trustee of Cwmcarn OAP Hall and Association.

VISITS

Attended Royal Visit to International Greeting at Ystrad Mynach.

Visited Cwmcarn Tourist Information Centre to discuss the future of the forest in light of the Phytophthora Ramorum Larch Disease.

I attended the opening of the Energlyn Railway Station and the reopening of Cwmcarn High School. I held meetings with the Fishing Club at Parc Cwm Darren as well as Equestrian Bodies within CCBC and attended Medal Ceremony at Risca.

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
Cabinet	21	22
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	4	4

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Area Forum Expenditure	South Wales Programme Presentation
E Voting	Private Sector Housing
Medium Term Financial Plan	Common Housing Register
Appointments	Planning (LDP Review)
Freedom of Information and Data Protection	Managing Conflict
Assertiveness	Equalities and Diversity

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone, email, and post or in person. Once contacted I investigate every complaint and endeavour to resolve their problems, I always provide an answer and feedback.

I hold regular meeting with the Police Inspector at Risca Police Station.

I have continues of liaise and work with the Cwmcarn Residents Association. My fellow ward Councillor and I work within our community to resolve local issues and problems. We have also strived to achieve several improvements within our area: -

These included the provision of living Christmas Trees in Abercarn and Cwmcarn. Extra seating benches in strategic places throughout the ward. We have facilitated grant funding to redecorate Llanfach Village Hall as well as grant funding to held with the central heating upgrade at Cwmcarn Institute and Village Hall.