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ELECTORAL WARD: Pengam

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

I have lived at 57 Fair View since I was two years of age, attended Pengam Primary School & Blackwood Comprehensive School. I possess a BSc Psychology & MSc Occupational Psychology from Cardiff University. I am currently employed as Research and Public Relations Officer for Islwyn AM Gwyn Price.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Health Social Care and Well-Being

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Sustainable Development Panel

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

N/A

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Fleur-de-Lys
Pengam

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	5	9
Health, Social Care and Wellbeing	0	8
Sustainable Development Panel	1	4

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Social Services Rota Visits

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries my constituents prefer to contact me by telephone and email.

This year has flown by and for those of you who have gotten in touch your concerns have mostly centred on noise issues from commercial and domestic premises. I have attempted to deal with these issues sensitively. I have also received complaints about the food recycling bins not being put back on the door step after being emptied. If they are left on the street, particularly on the terraces, they tend to end up half way down the street so everyone has to go and look for their bin. I agree that this is not acceptable. I have also been involved with Pengam and Fleur-de-Lys instituted and look forward to a time in the not to distant future when this community building enjoys something of a renaissance. I have to say that the current committee is doing all that it can to realise this for our community. The flower show was held there again this year and the opening day was well attended, which is good to see. It is these community activities that brings us all closer together and gives meaning to the word community.

Austerity measures continue to have a significant impact on local business, the council and the community. When I speak with residents they tell me how hard they are finding it to live. It is hard to believe that in twenty-first century Britain people may have to buy their food from food banks to make ends meet! We are doing our very best to ensure that we do not cut essential services in these very difficult economic circumstances.