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ELECTORAL WARD: Argoed

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

I am a Freeman of the City of London, a Freeman of Islwyn Borough, Community Councillor for Argoed and Chairman of Argoed Community Hall.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council
Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee
Planning Committee

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Markham 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	7	9
Health, Social Care and Wellbeing	6	8
Planning	12	12

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Freedom of Information and Data Protection	South Wales Programme Presentation
Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation	Private Sector Housing
Medium Term Financial Plan	Social Services and Wellbeing Bill
Planning (LDP Review)	Planning (PINS Presentation)
Planning (New Permitted Development Rights)	Planning (The Planning Bill)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I held monthly surgeries at Markham Chapel and did a weekly walk through villages in my ward. My constituents are welcome to contact me by telephone, email and in person.

Working with Markham School and its Governing Body I have initiated a fund raising programme to raise money for a defibrillator for the school in line with the new Department of Education offer to allow schools to purchase the life saving equipment at a reduced cost.

Working with Manmoel, Markham and Argoed Chapel and I sponsoring and supporting the Flower Festival.

I reported issues of concern in relation to highways on behalf of residents. I would like to thank the Highways Department and their Officers for their prompt response to all the issues raised and for looking after the roadways of the ward so well.

I supported housing tenants and gave advice on Welfare Reform concerns signposting tenants to the appropriate Officers.

I requested and attended Planning Site Visits which included supporting constituents in opposition to a wind farm development and conducted regular street walks within my ward in order to identify any areas of concern and reported them to the appropriate department.

The Markham Centenary was successfully celebrated by everyone in the ward, my thanks to all those involved in the organisation of such a fantastic event. There will be a dvd available shortly produced by a Markham resident to commemorate a wonderful year in the village.

It is with great pleasure that we will very shortly be able to have mains gas supplies to the whole of the Hollybush village, my thanks to all the Councillors, Officers and Energy Companies that contributed to this wonderfully facility being made available to every resident of the ward.

I regularly attended PACT and Communities First meetings as well as the Community Fourm.