

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Newbridge

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee (Chair)

Corporate Parenting Group

Scrutiny Leadership Group (from December 2013)

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Grants to the Voluntary Sector Panel

Caerphilly Homes Task Group

Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal - Crumlin Arm Working Group

Voluntary Sector Sub-Committee

Newbridge Town Centre Management Group

21st Century Schools Cross Party Working Group

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Treasurer Newbridge Partnership

Risca Sports and Social Club For People With A Disability

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Newbridge School

Pantside Primary

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	6	8

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Area Forum Expenditure	Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation
South Wales Programme	E Voting
Medium Term Financial Plan	Chairing Skills
Freedom of Information	Equalities and Diversity
Social Services and Wellbeing Bill	Holding Effective Pre-meetings
Questioning and Listening Skills	
Common Housing Register	Planning (PINS Presentation)

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

I do not hold surgeries my constituents prefer to contact me in person or by telephone and email, previous ward surgeries were not well attended and so I encouraged constituents to visit my home or alternatively I will make arrangements to visit them.

I attended Newbridge Partnership meetings where I hold the position of Treasurer. As part of my constituency duties I also Chair the Tunnel Terrace Allotments Association and have an excellent relationship with Risca Sports and Social Club for People with a Disability which had evolved over the years into me becoming a volunteer befriender.

I undertook Rota Visits to Social Services establishments throughout the borough.

I participate in the OWL and Safer Caerphilly Network programmes.

I requested reports at Scrutiny and other Committees which included a request for a report on the bringing back into use of the former Cash Office on the High Street in Newbridge as part of the WHQS programme.

I was disappointed by the closure of the Newbridge Public Toilets.

I worked with Officers on the Riverside Walk Countryside improvements including the installation of benches and a possible cycle path to improve the Newbridge riverside.

I would like to express my thanks to Neil Daniels for all his help on the Panside Plan Project.

I spoke at Planning Committee on behalf of residents in objection to the 24 hour opening of the McDonalds Restaurant in Newbridge.

I attended the opening of Ty Croeso along with a function at the Tabernacle Church and I will always try to attend as many community functions as possible.

I would express my thanks to the Tri County Play Scheme, Windsor Avenue Park and Pentwyn Mawr and my sadness that the funding for this project has come to an end.

I regularly walked around the ward so that residents have the opportunity to stop and speak to me and this practice also helps me identify issues.