

ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 2013 - MAY 2014



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ELECTORAL WARD: Blackwood

PARTY: Labour

PROFILE:

Vice-President of Parkinsons UK (Caerphilly Branch) and a Trustee of Caerphilly Disability CanDo.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council

Health Social Care and Well Being Scrutiny Committee (Vice Chair)

Sustainable Development Advisory Panel

Appointments Committee (Senior Appointments)

Standards Committee (Reserve Member)

Licensing Committee (from April 2014)

Member of Groundwork Trust Board (from March 2014)

Gwent Community Health Council (from June 2014)

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS

Blackwood Town Centre Management Group

Voluntary Sector Sub-Committee

Scrutiny Leadership Group

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Blackwood Town Council
Disability Caerphilly CanDo
Blackwood and District Crime Prevention Panel
Caerphilly Groundwork Trust (from March 2014)

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Blackwood Comprehensive
Blackwood 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	7	8
Sustainable Development Advisory Panel	1	4

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

South Wales Programme Presentation	E Voting
Social Services Rota Visits	Community Leadership
Freedom of Information and Data Protection	Planning (PINS Presentation)
Planning (New Permitted Development Rights)	Questioning and Listening Skills
Common Housing Register	Social Services and Wellbeing Bill

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY

Although bi-monthly surgeries were initially held, these were not well attended and I find that most constituents prefer to telephone or email me with their concerns. I will then make an appointment to visit them at home.

Working with Cllr Nigel Dix we addressed a number of safety and traffic management issues including the issue of illegal parking outside the Argos Store and the re-siting of disabled parking spaces in Blackwood. Every week I deal with concerns brought by residents which included cleansing and environmental issues, including dog fouling, the removal of potholes and overhanging trees..

I have attended PACT and problem solving meetings with Blackwood Police Inspector, Mark Smith and his team and been a regular attendee at Blackwood Crime and Prevention Panel meetings.

I am also a Community Councillor on Blackwood Town Council and am an active member of their events committee helping to arrange the Blackwood Carnival, Carol Concert and Lantern Parade.

As a Trustee of Caerphilly CanDo Disability I facilitated the installation of computer and telephone networks at their new premises. I also fundraised for Blackwood Brownies and Guides when their hut was trashed. I attended a meeting which culminated in the restoration

of the funding to Cancercareline and was also involved in the application for funding for the Welfare Support Scheme for Disability CanDo .