

ANNUAL REPORT

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ELECTORAL WARD: Penyrheol

PARTY: Plaid Cymru

PROFILE: I was elected via a bi-election partly through the previous year. I join the council from a long service in the public sector. Additionally I have wide experience of the voluntary sector and private sector. I feel I have broad skills and abilities to assist in my role as a county councillor and assist the authority and represent people from my area of responsibility.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Council
licensing

SUBCOMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES/PANELS:

Chairperson for Penyrheol, Trecenydd and Energlyn Community Council

OUTSIDE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS:

Vice Chair Caerphilly/Blania citizen advice bureau, trustee board.
Member of the Gwent council for St John in Wales.
Company member of Fire Fighters charity.
Member of Institute of Fire Engineers.
Member of Institute of Directors.

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY:

Governor at Hendredenny Parc 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	3	6

I also attended Special Meetings of Council on the 25th September 2013, 23rd October 2013 and 20th January 2014

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT:

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

Code of Conduct	E Voting
Gwent Police panel	

CONSTITUENCY ACTIVITY:

I do not currently hold surgeries. I am contacted frequently by telephone, email and via post. I deal with enquiries on a personal response approach.

I have been active in conjunction with the community council in tackling antisocial behaviour in Penyrheol and Penrhos areas.

I have increased liaison with the Police and Community Support Officers. I have sort support from the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner.

I organised again with the support of the Community Council a Special Youth Project with Princess Trust to assist young persons back into education and training and extend their life skills, (Fairbridge program).

I liaised with neighbouring Councillors to establish a joint approach to anti-social behaviour in repeat problem areas.

I led a joint group from Abertridwr, Sengennydd and Penyrheol areas reviewing traffic congestion and seeking a short and longer term strategic solutions.

Within the Community Council I am the Chairperson. Additionally I lead on Play Scheme Sub Committee, Special Projects Group, Newsletter Sub Committee, Finance Sub Committee, Liaison with Caerphilly Town Council fireworks displays and Web Site Development Group. The Community Council is also active and keen to develop its communication ability to inform residents of the active groups, organisations and charities which operate in our area and may be of assistance to all.

I have attended several events as a representative of County and Community Councils.