

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

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

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 2012 to May 2013 my attendance at Council meetings was as follows:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>No. Attended</u>	<u>No. Held</u>
Council	6	9
Health, Social Care and Wellbeing	8	8

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Presentation Skills	Code of Conduct
Social Media Skills	Prosiect Gwyrdd
Winter Maintenance	Corporate Parenting
Welfare Reform	South Wales Fire and Rescue
Aneurin Bevan Health Board	Treasury Management
Medium Term Financial Plan	

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 the Risca Sports and Social Club for People with a Disability, which has evolved over the years into me becoming volunteer befriender.

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

I always made myself as available as possible to my constituency and have high numbers of activities around ward issues including making representation on behalf of residents on housing, highways and environment concerns. I also assist people with passport confirmations and references.

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 reporting issues. I fully utilise the Member Portal to forward queries on to the appropriate Officers and Departments as well as contacting them directly.

I have requested planning site visits and spoken on behalf of local residents at the Planning Committee.

I have also requested reports at Scrutiny Committee on topics like WHQS Contracts and Volunteer Schemes.