

Elected Member Annual Report - 2012/13

Councillor Arwyn Woolcock

Electoral Division: Lower Brynamman

Roles and Responsibilities:

I have regularly attended meetings of the Council, Planning Committees, Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee and seminars.

Additionally, the Leader of Council has appointed me as one of four cross-party Members to sit on a Children's Improvement Programme Member Panel, in order to provide the Leader and Cabinet with additional assurance that rapid and sustainable improvement is being made to the Council's arrangement to safeguard children and young people and to support children looked after by the Council with specific reference to the areas for improvement set out in the CSSiW (November 2012) report, and advise on specific areas of improvement that may be identified.

Community Activity:

Two newsletters published and delivered to every household in my electoral division – spring and summer 2012.

I have held 11 street surgeries covering all streets within my electoral division in Lower Brynamman and Tai'rgwaith.

I have held a consultation exercise as a result of a query received in one of my surgeries in Heol Godfrey. A request was received for the provision of "Keep Clear" road markings in two turning heads in Heol Godfrey. Consequently, I wrote to every household, enclosing a questionnaire, seeking their views on proposals suggested by the Council's Highways Department.

The completed questionnaires were subsequently returned to the Highways department and each householder informed through a further letter.

In addition to the above, I have responded promptly to queries received from my constituents either verbally, by letter or email, or over the telephone.

Outside Bodies:

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority:

I have regularly attended meetings of the Fire Authority, Resources Management Committee, Seminars, Training Sessions and as observer at Management/FBU negotiating committees.

Tai'rgwaith School Governing Body:

I chair the governing body of Tai'rgwaith Primary School and have regularly attending meetings of the full governing body, various committees and, as chair, worked closely with the head teacher, staff, parents and governor colleagues.

Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE):

I have attended meetings of APSE Wales in my role as Wales Chair of the organisation as well as meetings of the National Council.

Council of The National Eisteddfod:

Attended meetings of the Council of National Eisteddfod in Aberystwyth and a meeting of the Audit Committee on the *Maes* in Barry during the Eisteddfod week.

Menter Nedd Port Talbot:

Attended meetings of the Management Board.

East Pit East Opencast Liaison Committee:

Regularly attended meetings at the site office, Tai'rgwaith.