

Elected Member Annual Report for 2014

Councillor Arwyn Woolcock, Lower Brynamman Electoral Division

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

I have regularly attended meetings of The Council, Cabinet Scrutiny Committee, Cabinet, Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee and P & R Cabinet Board meetings. I have also attended meetings of the Personnel Committee and Staff Council, both of which I chair. Additionally, I am a member of the Children's Improvement Programme Member Panel.

I also attend regular briefing sessions with officers on the relevant committees for which I have responsibility for.

Constituency Work

Two newsletters published and delivered to every household in my electoral division – spring and autumn 2014.

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

Worked closely with Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council and Canolfan Maerdy to look at the possibility of developing the former Glyn Primary school into a community facility and training centre. This work is on-going and regular steering group meetings are held with all partners. Additionally, a Business Plan has now been completed which will assist in applying for grant funding toward the project.

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. I believe that this is the best and most rewarding part of my duties as an elected member.

Outside Bodies

Neath Port Talbot Black Minority Ethnic Forum

I have regularly attended meetings of the Neath Port Talbot BME Forum and I am the Authority's Equalities Champion and Diversity Champion.

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 as well as meetings of the National Council. I was elected National Chair of APSE for 2014-2015 at the Annual Meeting in Nottingham in September 2014.

Council of The National Eisteddfod

I have regularly attended meetings of the Council of National Eisteddfod and Audit Committees in Aberystwyth, and on the *maes* in Llanelli, where the National Eisteddfod was held in 2014.

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I have regularly attended meetings of the Management Board

East Pit East Opencast Liaison Committee

I have regularly attended meetings at the site office, Tai'rgwaith.

Pwllfawatkin Landfill Site Liaison Committee

I am a member of the Pwllfawatkin Landfill Site Liaison Committee and have regularly attended meetings.