

Elected Member Annual Report for 2015-2016

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 and I have regularly attended meetings of that Panel and meetings with the various Children's Services Teams.

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 – autumn 2015 and spring 2016.

I have held 11 street surgeries covering all streets within my electoral division in Lower Brynamman and Tai'rgwaith, including the new housing developments in Maes Croffte and Crud yr Awel.

I have worked closely with Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council and Canolfan Maerdy on work to convert 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. An open day was held at the former school on Saturday 25 June 2016, which was very well attended.

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 handed over responsibility as National Chair to Northern Ireland at the Annual Seminar and awards held in Swansea in September 2015.

Council of The National Eisteddfod

I have regularly attended meetings of the Council of National Eisteddfod and Audit Committees in Aberystwyth.

Menter Nedd Port Talbot

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, and was Chair of the outside body in 2015-2016.

Pwllfawatkin Landfill Site Liaison Committee

I am a member of the Pwllfawatkin Landfill Site Liaison Committee. Meetings of this outside body have not been held as frequently as they should for various reasons. However, the committee is still in place and I will be making every effort to attend meetings in the future.