

## **Elected Member Annual Report - 2012/13**

### **Councillor Doreen Jones**

#### **Electoral Division: Aberdulais**

I was re-elected in May 2012 to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the Aberdulais Ward.

During the past year I have served as Vice Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Scrutiny Committee; as a Member of the Social Care, Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee; as well as the Planning Committee. I also service on the Joint Resilience Committee. As well as these regular committees I have attended many seminars and training sessions in order to improve the knowledge needed to assist Councillors in representing their communities and local residents.

I am currently Chair of Cilfrew Primary School and Vice Chair of Llangatwg Community School. Both of these schools have an excellent reputation. I was re-elected to serve as a Member of the Blaenhonddan Community Council in 2012 and have been an active Member for over 20 years and have served as Chairman on two occasions. I am chair of Neath Port Talbot Age Concern which has been responsible for helping many older residents for the Borough to improve their day to day lives. Many have benefited from the Big Lottery Befriending service and information and advice available to assist in their well-being.

As a carer I have first hand experience of the difficulties faced by carers trying to find their way round the many different agencies to obtain the support for their loved ones and also themselves. This personal experience has given me a first hand insight into the general concerns many carers have in seeking and getting the help they need.

I have assisted many residents with their confidential problems and these have included housing, education, health, highways and various other areas. Most have been solved satisfactorily but some take a little longer to resolve.

I attend regular PACT meetings with the Police and local residents to try and resolve local issues and I also liaise with the Local PCSO to discuss any issues that arise.

I have always been available 24/7 for help and advice for the residents of Cilfrew and Aberdulais.

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