



Elected Member Annual Report - 2013/14

Councillor Anthony Taylor

Electoral Division: Aberafan

During the last year I served on the following committees: Social Care Health and Housing, Licensing and Gambling, Margam Joint Crematorium and Planning and Development Control. I attended these on a regular basis; I also attended at Full Council meetings.

As Chair of Governors of Sandfields primary I visited the school once a week to keep up to date with developments. I also attend various committee meetings, shows etc. I also chair various committees and sub committees.

I am a member of West Glamorgan St. John's Council. In this capacity I attend monthly meetings all over the West Glam. Area. I also facilitated a meeting with the NPTCBC grants officer and the Port Talbot St. John's branch to try to obtain lottery grant monies to equip the cadets, further I facilitated a meeting with N.S.A.Afan,N.R.A, and safer N.P.T. Partnership again to try to raise monies for equipment.

As a Vice President of Port Talbot Little Theatre I met along with Cllr. James Evans Mr Russell Ward to discuss the funding crisis that threatened the group's future performances. I further contacted TATA Steel on behalf of the group to obtain funds from TATA; I also initiated a meeting with Costain and helped to obtain funding from them also.

Worked with the local Hindu Community. I arranged for the Mayor and a group of Members to attend a ceremony at their Hindu Temple. I am currently helping the Community and Priest to arrange a ceremonial procession through local streets, in this I am working with the local police and our events Dept.

Attended meetings with the Afan Valley Angling Club, NPTCBC. TATA Steel, ABP and NRW to plan for future improvements to the River Afan to bring the river up to premier Salmon River status, such an upgrade could be worth £7m pounds in tourism spend.

Chaired a public meeting where NSA Afan and Russell Ward were also in attendance to discuss the future of Aberavon Community Centre.

Facilitated and chaired a meeting with NRW, NPT Drainage officers and local constituents regarding local flooding incidents. There was also discussed a plan for future developments to alleviate ongoing problems.

Attended bi monthly meetings of the Aberavon Action Group. This grouping comprises. NRA. Police,

Fire Service. Neighbourhood team, Safer NPT Partnership and Myself. Issues discussed touch on all aspects of life in and around the Aberavon area.

Attended all bi monthly PACT meetings with Police and constituents. I also instigated the invitation of guest speakers including Neighbourhood Watch and the manager of NPT hospital.

Worked with the local sea cadets and NPT grant officer to obtain lottery funding to level their parade ground, also working with the local air cadets to identify area that can be benefited from local funding streams.

Lobbied ABMU, CHC, NPT Hospital and A.M and NPT Social Services Dept. To arrange a public meeting to discuss the proposed new mental health unit that is to be sited in the NPT hospital grounds.

Attended a number of local authority seminars and briefings in the past year.

I have worked with the LHB, Resource Centre and Morrison's Supermarket to install a public access between the resource centre and Morrison's to improve parking in the area.

Worked with press and media both nationally and locally on a variety of issues and stories. I have also escorted Reuters International on a visit to the Port Talbot.

Signed countless passport forms, driving license applications, Firearms license applications/renewals. Also wrote lots of references for various positions.

Worked with the Neighbourhood team on issues such as fly tipping, pot holes general refuse problems, also worked closely with our local waste enforcement officer on lots of issues in the area.

Worked closely with the local police from the chief inspector to the PCSO s on a variety of public protection and policing issues.

Liaised with the safer NPT Partnership on issues such as Alley Gates, anti-social behaviour and environmental and neighbour problem issues.

I am a member of Daclus, a local environment charity, to this end I have attended a number of meetings, presentations etc.

Worked with NPT homes making representations on behalf of my constituents and helping in their day to day running in Aberavon. Escorted the NPT warden on a tour of the Aberavon Ward.

Worked with NPT small business unit and arranged a number of site visits to local shops in the Aberavon area to try to identify funding streams to ensure local shops are secure financially for the future.

Facilitated a meeting of local businesses to establish a Chamber of Trade in Port Talbot and addressed a later meeting once the Chamber was established.

Regularly contacted Finance, Environment, and Health. Council tax. Legal. Estates, Soc. Serv. Grants on behalf of my constituents.

Worked closely with NPT Estates Department on issues regarding Burrows Yd. Seafront developments, also attended briefings re Pendarvis (ty afan) and Green Park developments.

Attended meeting between highway officers and ward colleagues to discuss future developments in Aberavon.

Contacted local A.M.s to intercede on behalf of constituents.

Attended presentation by Network Rail re the new railway station project.

Met with the friends of NPT Hospital concerning the new mental health facility to be sited in the Hospital grounds.

Worked with NSA Afan on a variety of issues including Aberavon and Dalton Rd community centres.

Met with local businesses to discuss local business opportunities for both themselves and the local community.

Worked with Coastal Housing both to intercede on behalf of my constituents and to keep up to date with their plans for local developments.

Working with unit10 project currently situated in Addison Rd. To locate a new site where they could expand the facilities and push the project forward. Working closely with estates on this issue.

Working with local contractors to exploit opportunities to raise funds for local youth groups. and explore training opportunities etc.

I have also worked full time at TATA Steel