

# **BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL** **COUNCILLORS ANNUAL REPORT**

This is the report by the Councillor named below regarding their key activities over the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

*Completion instructions: Councillors are free to include as much or as little information as they wish in each section, however the report is to be kept to this 2 page maximum format.*

**Councillor: Derrick Bevan**

**Party: Labour**

**Ward: Cwm**

## **Section 1 – Roles and Responsibilities**

I sat on the following committees:

Corporate Overview Scrutiny (Vice Chair)

Social Services Scrutiny

Environment Scrutiny

Planning Committee

And also outside bodies

Waunlwyd School Governors (Attended all meetings)

Cwm Primary School Governors (Attended all meetings)

Cwm Infants Committee (Attended all meetings)

Waunlwyd OAP (Chair) (Attended all meetings)

Victoria Partnership Committee (Attended all meetings)

} Total attended incl.  
seminars and briefings  
= 122

\* Figures supplied by Councillor

^Figures supplied by BGBC

## **Section 2: Constituency Activity**

I along with my fellow ward councillors hold regular surgeries in conjunction with our ward PCSO.

I attend all PACT meetings and as a member of the events committee help to plan and organise the carnival, Christmas parade and lights display. As chair of the OAP committee I look after the hall and arrange concerts, parties etc. I attend as many coffee mornings etc as I can to meet people from all walks of life and get a feeling of concerns from my constituents. I also help my constituents with enquiries regarding benefits etc and assist with form filling etc and have arranged to have dog bins erected in our ward and with this distribution of recycling bags. I am also involved in improving conditions for Cwm Male Voice Choir.

### **Section 3: Executive and Scrutiny Activities**

As a scrutiny member with Social Services I was selected for the panel to investigate the amalgamation with Caerphilly BC and attended all the relevant meetings.

In my role on the Regeneration & Environment Committee I joined a task and finish group to visit sites to scrutinise how other authorities handled bulk waste problems. Also a task and finish group to decide on street lighting.

As vice chair of Corporate Overview I was a members of other task and finish groups looking into branding and communications and asset management ideas.

On planning matters I took part in several site visits to decide on these matters.

### **Section 4: Training and Development**

As a new councillor I have attended all induction meetings and numerous briefing sessions and seminars (total including briefings meetings = 122) including community safety, drug misuse and policing issues and financial planning and budget procedures along with briefings on waste disposal and street lighting etc.

I have attended many briefings on Education issues, namely data analysis, attendance and performance management and courses dealing with charring skills and scrutiny arrangements with members of the WLGA and WAO.

### **Section 5: Initiatives, Special Activities and Issues**

I have been very involved in my ward with initiatives for the regeneration of Cwm. Meeting regularly with officials regarding empty properties etc and was successful in having an old derelict church demolished and the ground cleared and other buildings being brought back into use or tidied up and have worked with officers to tackle the problem of fly tipping and litter in our ward and have supported other organisation i.e. communities first in their efforts to improve things.

**Signature of Councillor: Derrick Bevan**

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013**