

Torfaen Councillor's Annual Report 2012/13

Name: Maria Graham

Ward: Llantarnam

Party : Independent



The following sets out my activities as a councillor during 2012/13.

SECTION 1: Role & Responsibilities

1. I served on the following council committees

Please include details of any senior roles

Council Committees	Attendance
• Council	11 of 14 (79%)
• Council Overview & Scrutiny	2 of 2 (100%)
• Healthier Communities Overview & Scrutiny	4 of 4 (100%)
• Licensing	3 of 4 (75%)
• Meeting of all Scrutiny Committees	0 of 1 (0%)

2. I served on the following outside bodies/committees

Body	Attendance
• Court Farm and Oakfield Community Association	
• School Governor at Llantarnam High School	

SECTION 2: Local Ward Activities

- Working with young offenders, I was involved in a litter-pick at the playing field at the back of Llantarnam School. This had not been done for 15 years.
- Managing and representing the constituents' views at all levels of government.
- Representing and advocating for constituents' needs e.g. housing, car parking, litter picking, general cleansing, and anti-social behaviour.
- I held surgeries at Llantarnam School on the first Saturday of every month to help with the problems in the community.

- I direct Members' Small Schemes funds to carefully selected ward initiatives.

SECTION 3: Initiatives and special activities

- I have campaigned since 2008 to get the speed limit brought down to 20 miles per hour on Llantarnam Road.
- Worked with young offenders with in my ward.
- I campaigned to reduce speeds in Pentre Lane and now effective traffic calming has been introduced.
- I initiated an older adults club.
- I supported residents with the closure of the footpath at John Fielding.
- I worked with the police in the community and, along with Bron Afon, have helped reduce the level of anti social behaviour.
- I continued to work with primary school children on road safety.

SECTION 4: Learning and Development

As well as attending members seminars I have undertaken specific training on the following:

- Code Of Conduct
- Basic Principles of Council Life
- ICT Induction
- Data Protection
- Scrutiny Questioning
- Local Protocol
- Social Media
- Meeting Procedure

SECTION 5: Other activities and issues

I represented my constituents' views at Council meetings. e.g. on planning applications and education related questions.