



## Torfaen Councillor Annual Report 2013~14

**Name:** Alan Jones

**Ward:** Blaenavon

**Party:** Labour



The following sets out my activities as a councillor during 2013/4.

### **SECTION 1: Role & Responsibilities**

#### **1. I served on the following council committees**

*Please include details of any senior roles*

<b>Council Committees</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Council	<b>8 of 10 (80%)</b>
Licensing Committee	<b>2 of 4 (59%)</b>
Democratic Services Committee	<b>1 of 3 (33%)</b>
Cleaner O & S	<b>7 of 8 (88%)</b>
All Scrutiny O & S	<b>3 of 4 (75%)</b>

#### **2. I served on the following outside bodies/committees**

<b>Body</b>
Blaenavon Workmen's Hall SWFRS Coalfields Trust UK World Heritage Committee BHVC School Governor

## **SECTION 2: Local Ward Activities**

Trying to make Blaenavon a better place for residents to work and live has been a priority. I always aim to be approachable and wish to instil confidence in my residents that I will listen to, and deal with their concerns and take appropriate action.

Supporting the much needed housing development in the town to bring more affordable homes.

I have been a major supporter of our new Resource Centre which is a state of the art facility

I have been active in addressing many residents' concerns including, for example, successfully lobbying for the installation of a new bus stop in Forgeside. I also put the case for improved snow clearance in Blaenavon - of particular note was the clearance of the pathway to the GP Surgery and the new school car park both of which had concerned many residents.

I have reflected the concerns of town's people relating to the proposed Varteg opencast with many fearing that a large increase in heavy traffic on Church Road would pose a risk to residents and children in particular.

I have helped many residents with numerous issues including antisocial behaviour problems, housing and employment.

## **SECTION 3: Initiatives and special activities**

I have been researching and working with TCBC and outside bodies to seek funding opportunities to improve sporting facilities in the town.

I continue to support and protect our World Heritage Status for future generations.

**SECTION 4: Learning and Development**

I have attended the following training sessions:-

- Equalities
- Licensing x 2
- Local Government Finance
- Webcasting
- Scrutiny Chair
- Ffynon
- Ward & Casework
- Torfaen App
- Interests & Registers x 2

**SECTION 5: Other activities and issues**

I am Life Member & Trustee of Blaenavon RFC