

Torfaen Councillor Annual Report 2014~15

Name: **Colette Thomas**
Ward: **Two Locks**
Party: **Labour**



The following sets out my activities as a councillor during 2014/15

SECTION 1: Role & Responsibilities

1. I served on the following council committees

Council Committees	Attendance
Council	10 of 10
Democratic Services	1 of 2
Learning O&S (Chair of Committee)	5 of 5
Meeting of All Scrutiny Committees	3 of 5

2. I served on the following outside bodies/committees

Body
Primary and Secondary Joint Committee South Wales Educational Forum Local Service Board Scrutiny Cwmbran Trust Nant Celyn School Governors Mon & Brecon Steering Canal Group Corporate Parenting Panel

SECTION 2: Local Ward Activities

I held regular monthly drop in surgeries together with my ward colleague Cllr Pam Cameron. These surgeries are held in Hollybush, Henllys and Cocker Avenue Community Centre.

Residents are able to contact me by email post and telephone, and I meet with residents on site if needed.

Financial support has been given to local groups through the Torfaen Council member 'small schemes'.

I walk my ward area regularly and liaise with residents on areas of concern.

Two local community groups were nominated for a Mayor's Community Award acknowledging their work in our community.

SECTION 3: Initiatives and special activities

I chair the Learning Scrutiny Committee which has considered several key issues for the authority in respect of its education service making recommendations and holding the executive to account as well as helping to shape the education policy.

In addition I have facilitated the setting up of a schools monitoring sub committee to establish links with schools to review performance and the support they receive from the EAS.

I am also a member of the newly formed Children and Young People Improvement Board.

SECTION 4: Learning and Development

I have attended the following training sessions:-

Safeguarding
Gwent Scrutiny Challenge

SECTION 5: Other activities and issues

I serve as a LEA governor at Nant Celyn Primary School and was appointed Chair in October 2014.

I am Chair and Trustee of Torfaen Scouts.

During the year I attended various community events including school concerts and presentations, judging the local allotments competition and the Remembrance Service and parade.