

County Councillor Annual Report 2015 ---- 2016

Name: Cllr Maureen Powell

Ward: Castle Ward, Abergavenny

Electorate: 1539

1. Appointments to outside bodies

I am a member of the South Wales Fire Authority. We meet about 20 times a year plus an evening of presentation to the Fire Fighters.

I am also on the King Henry VI Foundation Committee which deals with the provision of financial help for pupils, in the pursuit of their careers. We meet every six months.

2. Role as Governor

I am an LA Governor at two schools.

At King Henry VI Comprehensive, where apart from attending general, finance & curriculum meetings (10 this year) I also represent the school on the Education Finance Forum, an advisory committee. (4 meetings)

I have always tried my best to support the pupils in their exhibitions, performances and sports days. As I was Mayor of Abergavenny this last year, I was honoured to present prizes at Sports day.

At Deri View Primary School. I attend as many meetings (at least 6) and events that I can. Deri View continues to go from strength to strength in both the education and financial position.

3. Select and other Committees

I sit on the Children and Young Peoples select committee, (10 meetings) which is one of the most extensive selects. Not only dealing with education, but also the looked after children and their welfare.

In addition to these meetings we have also have been meeting to look into the catchment areas within Monmouthshire.

I am on the Planning Committee (12 Planning meetings & 10 Site Visits) and the LA Governors appointments Committee (3)

Like all other Councillors, I sit on my own Area Committee which usually meets quarterly.

4. Constituency Matters

I continue to deliver an In Touch leaflet twice a year to all residents in my ward.

I was pleased that after my continued work on the speed limit from Hardwick Roundabout into town, we do now have a 30mph limit.

One of the main concerns of my constituents has been the continued traffic lights control in Monk St following a large fire which destroyed two businesses. This has caused a lot of traffic to try to take a short cut through Holywell Rd. Owing to time taken by the two insurance firms, this has taken ages. However I think at last the end is in sight and perhaps Holywell road can have a more peaceful existence.

I do my best to answer all the queries and problems I get from my residents. If it needs be I pass them on to the necessary officer or department.

