

# COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending May 2018. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose. The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and do not necessarily reflect the views of Monmouthshire County Council.

**Name:** County Councillor Sheila Woodhouse    **Political Group:** Conservative  
**Ward:** Grofield    **Electorate:** 1310

## APPOINTMENTS

I sit on the following committees of the Council:

Adults Select Committee	Welsh Church Fund
Strategic Transport Group	Standards Committee
Joint Select Committee	Democratic Services Committee
County Council	Children and Young People Select Committee
Bryn y Cwm Area Committee	Audit Committee

## ATTENDANCE

My attendance at Council meetings is available on the Monmouthshire County Council website at the following link:

<https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

## REMUNERATION

Remuneration levels for Councillors throughout Wales are set by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Details of actual remuneration I have received in relation to my role as Councillor are available on the Monmouthshire County Council website at the following link: <https://democracy.monmouthshire.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?bcr=1>

## TRAINING:

I have attended the following training session this Council year:

Finance Induction	Introduction to ADM
Safeguarding Training	Data Protection Awareness Training
Elected Members Equalities Training	Council Induction
Council Induction	Audit Training
Planning Induction	Scrutiny Induction
Children & Young People Induction	

## **CONSTITUENCY MATTERS**

I have fully supported the work of Park Street Community Centre and the proposed 25 year lease.

Planning issues including development of the Main Street, working in conjunction with the public realm group and other local members to ensure the development has public support.

An effect of this development is many local concerns with traffic and parking, this situation is on going and will continue until phase three is completed.

Road Safety and traffic management issues have necessitated many meetings between Highways Officers and Engineers, PCSO's, Residents and myself, including the controversial Resident's Parking.

I have highlighted the necessity for improvements to the crossing on the Merthyr Road and the installation of a new crossing on the A40 Brecon Road.

During the past year, I have been monitoring the plans for The Hub and the changes to the Borough Theatre management.

Also I have been heavily involved with the local Five year plan, ensuring as far as possible that County Council strategies are entwined within it i.e. young people, Bailey park ,the Castle and adjoining meadows which lie in my ward.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS / INITIATIVES**

I have fully supported the local campaign to improve the access for everyone at Abergavenny Railway Station, bring this campaign to the attention of M.C.C. Strategic Transport Group and thereby gaining the backing of the Cabinet Member and the Council overall.

As Vice Chair of Bryn y Cwm Area Committee I have suggested bringing together local voluntary groups, and encouraged regular dialogue between this committee and our volunteers overall.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Having been elected Vice Chairman of the Bryn y Cwm Committee I have had the opportunity of Chairing a meeting.