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 Ann Webb Political Group: Conservative

Ward: St Arvans Electorate: 1267

APPOINTMENTS

I sit on the following committees of the Council:

Lower Wye Area Committee Local Access Forum

Licensing and Regulatory Group County Council

Welsh Church Fund Strong Communities Select Committee

Standing Advisory Council on Religious

Education (SACRE)

Wye Valley AONB Joint Advisory Committee

Planning Committee

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

I am appointed to represent the Council on the following outside bodies:

Board of Monmouthshire Housing

Association

Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural

Beauty Joint Committee (AONB)

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

National Resources Wales

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:

Planning - Design Commission for Wales

Training

Scrutiny Induction

Planning Induction

Licensing Training

Council Induction

CONSTITUENCY MATTERS

I attend most Community Council meetings and continue to liaise and support the various activities in the villages. The amount of work undertaken by volunteers of all ages never ceases to amaze me however, as without them so many interest groups would not exist. I assist and liaise with the Police, updating on local issues, and involvement with grant applications for local Churches, and other Groups. I have dealt with the considerable number and variety of matters brought to the attention of the Community /council. Issues relating to planning, waste disposal and highways are always 'hot topics'.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I sit on the Planning Committee with its wide and interesting responsibilities, visiting application sites and listening to representations at Planning meetings each month.

The Licensing committee has some interesting challenges dealing with the licenses for taxis, registering village greens etc.

I sit on the Strong Communities Select Committee.

I am one of five Members on the Welsh Church Fund where grants are allocated mainly to Churches but also to assist local organisations.

I am Vice-Chair of the Lower Wye Area Committee; we meet to discuss local issues with the Community. The public are often present, bringing local and important issues to the table.

I am one of the Counties two representatives on the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority. I am chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and on the Standards Committee on this Authority.

Outside Bodies I have served on during the past year

Wye Navigation Advisory Committee

This is under the auspice of the Natural Resources Wales and my particular interest is in the traffic management on the Wye and the leisure activities on the River.

Monmouthshire Housing Board Member

Board Members and Officers meet regularly to consider housing issues, budgets and future investment.

Local Access Forum

Looking into countryside access footpaths and similar issues.

AONB Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Joint Advisory Group (Vice-Chairman)

I consider my attendance to be good at meetings although at times there are some compromises to be made. I am fortunate to be able to live and work in this rural environment and count myself very fortunate to be able to serve my Community on Monmouthshire County Council