

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

Ann Webb – St Arvans Ward with Tintern

Ward 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. The Jubilee events in the villages were so well supported that these events have developed into further celebrations in 2014. I have dealt with the considerable number of variety of matters brought to the attention of the Community Council. Issues relating to planning, waste disposal and highways are always 'hot topics'.

Council Committees

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 Children and Young Peoples Select Committee. The Improvement Objectives and Outcome agreement for 2013/2016 is in the agenda.

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

The Dell School is the primary school which many of the children from local homes attend and I am privileged to be a Governor there as an LEA appointee. Mr Stephen King is the Head teacher.

I am Chairman 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 involved with the Planning and Rights of Way Committee and Audit and Scrutiny Committee (vice-chair) together with the Standards Committee on this Authority.

County Farms Working Group – Looking into the issues relating to the land owned by the County Council and importantly the wellbeing of the tenants.

Outside Bodies I have served on during the past year

Lower Wye Internal Drainage Board

The River Monnow catchment and adjacent landowners

The Rural Commission

I attend meetings twice yearly with rural affairs as they affect Wards such as mine.

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.

The Rural Development Partnership

We visit local tourism ventures meetings with other groups and working to develop a good experience for visitors and residents in Monmouthshire.

Other Matters

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.