

Name : County Councillor Anthony Easson

Ward : Dewstow , Caldicot.

Electorate : approx 1500.

Reporting Year . 2015/2016

I am appointed to the following internal Committees

County Council.

Statutory Audit Committee.

Strong Communities Scrutiny Select Committee (Vice Chair).

Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust.

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education.

Schools Admissions Forum.

Joint (Trade Union) Advisory Group (Vice Chair).

Strategic Transport Working Group.

Sevenside Area Committee.

I am a Local Authority appointed Member of two school's Governing bodies

Gwmraeg Ysgol Y Ffin. Welsh Medium Infants and Juniors .Caldicot

Dewstow Infants and Juniors . Caldicot

At both of these schools I have been active in attending presentations .I am a member of the Buildings and Health and Safety Committes at both schools, and am Chair of H & S at Y Ffin

I am a Local Authority appointed representative to the following external bodies

1) Natural Resources Wales Caldicot & Wentlooge and Lower Wye Drainage Districts,
and Natural Resources Wales Living Levels consultative body.

NRW have only recently taken responsibility for maintaining the Caldicot and Wentlooge Drainage Districts. Both Cardiff and Newport City Councils have an input. My attendance at meetings with NRW is to support Monmouthshire County Council's interest in the Caldicot levels.

2) ABUHB Community Health Council ; Member of the Scrutiny Committee.

I am a member of the Community Health Council as nominee from Monmouthshire County Council .My role is to support the work of the CHC as a watchdog over the work of the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. My added role is as a member of the scrutiny body of the CHC.

3) Greater Gwent Pensions Committee .

I sit on the Pensions Committee as one of Monmouthshire's representative overseeing the employees pension fund.

My Activities Overall

I have, over the past 12 months continued to support my Constituents. I have liaised with Monmouthshire Housing association over tenants concerns. I have seen the installation of a long awaited pedestrian crossing on the B4245.I have gained a 20 mph blanket zone for my ward which also encompasses adjacent wards. I have dealt successfully with tenants problems from failing street lights to dumped cars and excessive noise and environmentally disturbing concerns..

I have supported my constituents in other ways ,for example approving (signing) documents ,such as passport applications etc ,and giving references as an Elected Member. I have provided advice within my remit to residents on confidential matters, or directed them to appropriate services.

I have also worked with MHA's Officers in supporting elderly residents at Brookside, which is being vacated prior to its demolition ; with the residents being rehoused in a sympathetic manner. The area is to be redeveloped with low level affordable housing. I have also supported MHA's moves to rehouse residents at Oakley Way flats prior to partial demolition and refurbishment .

I have continued my scrutiny role across both of the Audit Committee and Strong Communities Committees. Issues ,which included on Audit was to scrutinise and accept the Annual Accounts ,questioning Officers regarding specific Transport issues ,Procurement ,and analysis of Wales Audit reports. Strong Communities included scrutiny of Recycling and Waste, Street lighting, and Budget Mandates , as well as Crime and Disorder matters.

I have supported local transport action groups through my role on the Strategic Transport Working group and the Severnside Area Committee. However particular note must be made of my role as a Member of the Monmouthshire Farm Endowment Trust which provides grant support for students across Gwent who attend Coleg Gwent at the Agricultural, College in Usk .This aid is invaluable to allow youngsters to reach their potential without undue financial pressure.

Details of my activities on the other Committees --- JAG, SACRE and School Admissions is also well documented, and are self explanatory .The record of my activities are recorded on Monmouthshire's website and the YouTube platform .My attendance at all the Committees, including the external bodies to which I am appointed is very high.

I have received training as a Dementia Friendly Member of the Authority. The Authority recently gained overall recognition for work in this field. I have also supported the Stoke association in their endeavours to maintain active lives for stroke victims ,a number of whom are living in Monmouthshire's rural hinterland ,and find this support invaluable.

As an Elected Member I have continued to give my support to local groups across Caldicot.