

Member's Annual Report 2015/16

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2016. 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 they do not necessarily reflect the views of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

Councillor: Dafydd Rhys Thomas
Group: Independent

Ward: Ynys Gybi

1 - Role & Responsibilities

Between April 2015 and March 2016, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	¹Attendance Figures
Council	5 (63%)
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	3 (50%)
Democratic Services Committee	2 (100%)
Audit and Governance Committee	7 (88%)
Appeals Committee (attendance on a rota basis)	No meetings held
Standards Committee	1 (33%)
The statistics provided are relevant only to the committees listed in this table. The statistics do not include attendance at other meetings related to the work of the Council.	
Attendance levels may vary due to the nature of work and responsibilities of members - as portfolio holder, committee chair or representing the Council on outside bodies, for example.	

I am a member of the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust and attended 6 meetings (100%).

I represent the Council on the following outside bodies:	Number of meetings arranged	Number attended
HNP Project Liaison Group	3	2
Betsi Cadwaladr Community Health Council	6	4

2 - Constituency Activity

I have attended all 10 meetings of the Trearddur Bay Community Council of which I am a member and have also attended meetings of the Rhoscolyn Community Council as an observer and local member. I represent the Council on the Governing Body of Ysgol Gymraeg Morswyn and have attended all meetings held since last March and also represent the Trearddur Bay Community Council on the Holyhead Joint Burial Board which is responsible for the management of the Maeshyfyd Cemetery.

¹ Attendance figures supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council

I am also a member of the Shadow Governing Body of the new Ysgol Cybi and have attended 3 of the 4 meetings held so far and the Wylfa Newydd Stakeholders Group and have attended all 3 meetings held.

I participate in the Holyhead Stakeholder Group which covers the economic regeneration of Holyhead under such initiatives as the Viable and Vibrant Places.

I am aware of the financial challenges facing the Council and take an active part in internal focus groups and workshops.

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

I represent the Council on the Community Health Council and take an active interest in all health-related issues. I have carried out unannounced hospital inspections as part of that role. As a cancer patient, I am also an active member of the North West Wales Cancer Forum which focuses on patient centred care and have also attended the National Macmillan 'Cancer Voices' Conference and the National Lymphoma Association Conference and am also involved in the project to re-model the Alaw Ward in Ysbyty Gwynedd and am passionate about retaining local health services.

I take an active interest in all aspects of constituency life and am always willing to meet informally with electors to discuss any issues of local or personal concern e.g. planning and highways issues, flooding, housing, amenities etc and am available to contact by telephone, email or face to face. I refer issues to the appropriate departments on behalf of the electors in order to instigate dialogue and am grateful to the officers for their help and support in addressing and resolving these issues.

I am still involved in the 'community clean-ups' in Trearddur Bay arranged by the Residents Association who should be applauded on their success in improving the appearance of the village by cutting vegetation, disposing of rubbish and planting flowers, shrubs etc. This is an excellent way of bringing the community together to achieve something positive. I am also keen to retain our local facilities such as the football field and to improve the tourism offer in the area.

Of course, I am also interested in issues which affect the island as a whole, e.g. the Wylfa Newydd, Orthios, National Grid and Land and Lakes applications along with social issues such as adult social care, education and, more recently, the identification of sites for gypsies and travellers and have attended several public meetings and briefings.

4 - Learning and Development

I have attended the following learning and development initiatives during the past year (information supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council):

Information Governance – General Session	24 November 2015
Understanding Dementia	24 November 2015
Member Briefing Sessions (7 out of 11 = 64%)	April 2015 – March 2016

I have found the briefing sessions to be particularly useful as they provide an overview of the important issues facing the Council and are an excellent opportunity to keep abreast of developments and to keep the constituents informed of any relevant issues.

5 - Other Activities and Issues

It is a pleasure and a privilege to represent the people of Cybi Ward and I have enjoyed the last 12 months immensely and look forward to the next with enthusiasm and optimism despite the challenges ahead. I would like to thank my fellow ward members, Jeff and Trefor and the people of Cybi Ward for their support and friendship and emphasise that I am always on hand to help and advise in any way I can. Thanks also to the officers for their support and hard work.

More information about me can be found here:

<http://democracy.anglesey.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=650&LLL=0>

Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas	April 2016
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