



Member's Annual Report 2018/2019

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2019. 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: Dylan Rees

Party: Plaid Cymru

Ward: Canolbarth Môn

1 - Role & Responsibilities

Between April 2018 and March 2019, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	Attendance Summary
Audit and Governance Committee	Details on the Council's website: Attendance
Corporate Scrutiny Committee (Vice-Chair)	
Democratic Services Committee	
Disciplinary Committee	
General Grants Committee	
Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust Committee	
Isle of Anglesey County Council (Chair)	
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)	
<p>The above list does not include all meetings related to the work of the Council.</p> <p>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.</p>	

I am a member of the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust. I am also a member of the Trust's Investment and Contracts Committee – details of my attendance at these meetings are also available on the above link.

I represent the Council on the following outside bodies:

Outside Body	Summary of role and contribution
North Wales Community Health Council (Anglesey Local Committee)	<p>See:</p> <p>http://cvsc.org.uk/en/health-and-social-care/betsi-cadwaladr-community-health-council/</p> <p>I am one of three Ynys Môn County Councillors that sits on the North Wales Community Health Council</p>

<p>North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Audit Committee</p>	<p>which is one of eight statutory NHS Wales's watchdogs representing public and patients interests in healthcare. As part of my role I have assisted with public exhibitions to raise awareness of the CHC's work.</p> <p>http://www.nwales-fireservice.org.uk/fire-and-rescue-authority/?lang=en-gb</p> <p>http://www.nwales-fireservice.org.uk/fire-and-rescue-authority/audit-committee/?lang=en-gb</p> <p>I am one of three Ynys Môn County Councillors that have been appointed to serve on the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (NWFRA) which monitors the performance and budget of the North Wales Fire and Rescue Service. I also serve on the NWFRA Audit Sub-Committee.</p>
<p>North Wales Police and Crime Panel</p>	<p>http://www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk/en/Accountability/Police-and-Crime-Panel.aspx</p> <p>I am the sole Ynys Môn Councillor representative appointed to serve on the North Wales Police and Crime Panel (NWPCP). The role of this Panel is to monitor the budget and performance of the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner – Mr Arfon Jones.</p>
<p>School Governor - Bodffordd Primary School</p>	<p>I am currently the Chair of Governors for Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd. It has been a difficult last two years for the school with the threat of closure under the Council's 'Schools Modernisation Programme' and the school requiring improvement in standards having been given an orange category by Estyn. However it is pleasing to report that standards have steadily improved and the school has now been given a 'yellow' classification. Also the original decision made in 2018 on the future education of education provision in the Llangefni area has just been abolished.</p>
<p>School Governor - Canolfan Addysg y Bont, Llangefni</p>	<p>http://canolfanaddysgybont.cymru/english/index.html</p> <p>I am also the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors for Canolfan Addysg y Bont. The most difficult challenge for the governors over the last year has been to balance the budget and discussions with the Council regarding appropriate funding are ongoing.</p>

2 - Constituency Activity

In addition to sitting on the above committees I also regularly attend a number of other meetings throughout my ward including:

Town and Community Council Meetings – I am a Town Councillor with Llangefni Town Council (I attended 16 full Council meetings out of 17) and during the last year I was Chair of the “Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee. I have also assumed the main responsibility amongst the three Canolbarth Môn Councillors for attending Llanddyfnan Community Council which I regularly attend.

Other local organisations that I am involved with include the following:

Llangefni Social Enterprise. This local regeneration group is responsible for the Llangefni Urban Sports Park and I am Chair of the project group. The project has been a fantastic success with between 80-100 users visiting the Park on a daily basis.

Gobaith Môn. I am secretary of the trustees for this organisation which is a Christian charity that promotes youth work on the island. During the last year the Gobaith Môn workers have been involved in delivering various activities/lessons in four out of the five Secondary schools on the island.

Red Squirrels Trust Wales. I am a member of this organisation which has done amazing work in eradicating grey squirrels from Anglesey and re-establishing the island as a natural habitat for the red squirrel e.g. Nant y Pandy, Llangefni.

Llangefni Partnership. I am a member of this local regeneration group which seeks to bring individuals and organisations together with the aim of reviving Llangefni. Much of the recent focus has been trying to boost Llangefni Market.

Llangefni Parkrun. It is a joy to support this initiative which has proved very successful with between 70-100 participants running through Nant y Pandy every Saturday morning. As well as volunteering on occasions I have posted a personal best time of 26.00 minutes!

As well as attending various meetings I also have a significant caseload as I seek to undertake work on behalf of my constituents. Examples of cases I have dealt with over the last twelve months include:

- Planning – raising objections to some applications whilst providing assistance with other applications.
- Housing – providing advice regarding the allocations policy and assisting clients who were threatened with homelessness or were seeking a transfer.
- Highways – assisting with complaints regarding speeding, parking and the condition of the road surface.
- Waste Management – assisting complainants regarding waste collection.
- Anti-Social Behaviour – working with the Police to assist complainants.

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

During the last year it has been my privilege to serve as the Chair of the County Council. This civic role has presented me with the opportunity to attend a whole host of various community events on the island including a number of eisteddfodau and cymanfa ganu. Special highlights have included welcoming Ryan Giggs as Wales Football Manager to the opening of the new 3G artificial pitch at Plas Arthur, Llangefni and also the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge during their recent visit to Llanddwyn. It was also a privilege to visit a Syrian refugee family who have been rehoused by the Council on the island and to offer them a warm welcome.

Another part of the role of Chair is to raise funds for worthy causes and my chosen charity was St David's Hospice who will be opening a four-bed satellite unit in Ysbyty Penrhos Stanley, Holyhead later this year. I managed to raise just over £10,400 through the following three events:

- The collection during my Chairman's Sunday Service held in Capel Moreia, Llangefni last October.
- Proceeds from a concert held at Ysgol Gyfun, Llangefni in April featuring Brodyr Magee, Seindorf Biwmares, Cor Glanaethwy and Gruffydd Wyn – what a fantastic evening of entertainment!
- A sponsored walk along the 130-mile long Anglesey Coastal footpath which I completed over 12 days last Easter. I also partnered with "Keep Wales Tidy" and Anglesey Council staff to complete five 'beach cleans' along the route.

Thank-you to everyone for your support.

4 - Learning and Development

Information about the learning and development initiatives I have attended during the past year is available here (information supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council):

<http://democracy.anglesey.gov.uk/mgListTraining.aspx?UID=267&RPID=380673&LLL=0>

5 - Other Activities and Issues

More information about me can be found here:

<http://democracy.anglesey.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=267&LLL=0>

Councillor Dylan Rees

May 2019
