

## 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: Carwyn Elias Jones**  
**Group: Plaid Cymru**

**Ward: Seiriol**

### 1 - Role & Responsibilities

#### Diversity Champion

I am the Isle of Anglesey County Council Diversity Champion

#### Full Council, Appointments Panel, Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

I have spoken out on many topics at Full Council including the budget. The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee deals with external projects and the Appointments Panel conducts the recruitment and selection process for senior post holders.

Between April 2015 and March 2016, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	<sup>1</sup> Attendance Figures
Council	5 (63%)
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	6 (100%)
Appointments Committee	5 (56%)
Indemnities Sub-Committee	No meetings held.
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 (not a Council Committee) and attended 2 meetings (33%).

### 2 - Constituency Activity

**Community Councils** - I regularly attend the Community Council meetings at Llanddona, Cwm Cadnant and Llangoed, and also attend and report back to the Beaumaris Town Council. Where two Community Council meetings are the same evening, we will ensure between councillors that an attendee can be at each based on an agreed rota.

#### Haulfre Residential Home Llangoed

This was one of the major campaigns of the year to keep Haulfre open. Following a meeting in Llangefni with senior officers we were notified that Haulfre might have to close soon on Health and Safety grounds. Along with Cllr Lewis Davies we mounted a major campaign to save the residential home, and immediately called a full public meeting, there was huge support for the residential home to stay open amongst residents, staff, family members and the local community. The campaign involved many different avenues and included in depth historical research into the

<sup>1</sup> Attendance figures supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council

trusts surrounding Haulfre and H&S reports. We produced save Haulfre letters and 4,000 went out across the Seiriol Ward, and many emails, letters, meetings later we had done all we could. The result was £160k investment by Anglesey Council in the home with the threat of imminent closure lifted. Anglesey Council must now come up with long term plans for residential provision in the Ward.

### **‘Stad Yr Ysgol’ Llangoed**

It was fantastic to see the new estate of 8 family properties be completed next to the Llangoed school and having pressed hard and publicised as much as possible the fact that local priority to be given with Llangoed and Penmon connection.

### **Traveller’s site Pentraeth Road A5025**

In February Anglesey Council were going to pass the lay by on Pentraeth road as a permanent site. I spotted the report on a Tuesday and called an emergency public meeting in Llandegfan on the Friday where the Council Leader and CEO attended. Following this intervention on the Monday the Executive pulled the report and went out to proper consultation. We wrote a letter with concerns and hand delivered the 800 letters for Llansadwrn and Llandegfan. It has just now been announced that that Council now agree with us that the Pentraeth road lay by is unsuitable and they have now selected land next to the recycling centre at Penhesgyn. This was really hard work, with many articles, daily post, mail, chronicle, BBC News and S4C, letters, emails and research needed to win this point, which involved going through 1000 page legal dossier from when this was taken to court in 2008. Hard work pays!

### **Llanfaes Play Area Association**

Following a public meeting held at the Llanfaes Community Centre I helped set a constitutional group up along with local residents. We also devised a new innovative plan titles ‘involve and inspire’ for Llanfaes with aims and objectives. The first phase has already seen grant meetings attended and applications in for equipment.

### **Llanfaes – Free WiFi**

Working with the Housing Tenant Participation Officer in the Council we were successful in an application to get unlimited free broadband and Wi-Fi for Llanfaes residents to use at the Community Centre. This is a project that is being run by BT and Barclays and they have selected 100 locations in the UK. Llanfaes is the only successful one in North Wales and one of two throughout Wales.

**Road Surface & Potholes** – Pushed for road surface improvements, with significant resurfacing work being carried out in various parts of the ward, including Llandegfan and Beaumaris to the Llanfaes junction and also a number of pot holes filled along various roads.

**Housing** - Housing issues have been dealt with on behalf of constituents in terms of care and maintenance and helping with applications for social housing.

### **Success - Post Box for Old Llandegfan**

It gave me great pleasure to see a post box erected in Old Llandegfan following a 12 month campaign and putting pressure on the Royal Mail.

### **CPO Llaniestyn / Llanddona Cemetery**

Following the CPO and statutory period that followed it was fantastic seeing the work finally underway for a new cemetery at Llaniestyn an issue I had fought hard over since my election in May 2013.

### **Beumaris Flood Defence**

A lot of effort had been put in alongside my fellow Councillors and Council Officers to securing the £1.2m flood defence work for the Town of Beumaris. The effects of flooding as many residents know from experience can be devastating and we were delighted to be able to secure this funding. Seeing the scheme underway gave great satisfaction.

### **Allt Goch Bach**

A contractor had opened this road between Llandegfan and Beumaris without full reinstatement and was a cause for concern. I highlighted the issue immediately and within days the contractor was summoned to return to complete the work.

### **Beumaris Gaol and Courthouse**

With the Council eager to outsource their assets I have pressed on the ruling group that these important historic, educational and tourist assets should be maintained as they are and for the benefit of the Island and its people.

### **Seiriol Ward Facebook Group**

I have set up a Seiriol Ward Noticeboard facebook group to enable cross ward information to be shared about activities and events. This will be a very useful resource for residents which compliments the excellent community pages and had 360 members to date.

### **Llandegfan Community Facebook Group**

I have set up a Llandegfan Community Facebook Group to discuss Llandegfan issues and share information, this group has 115 members to date. There is now, 3 for Llangoed, 2 for Beumaris, Llanfaes, Llanddona, Llansadwrn, Llandegfan and Seiriol Ward facebook group.

### **Easter Fun – Llanfaes, Llangoed & Llanddona**

Visited with my wife and 3 children a host of fun Easter fairs, which included Llanfaes, Llangoed Village hall, Haulfre residential and Llanddona Village Hall.

### **Llanddona Common Land Volunteering**

I joined members of the community council and local residents to put hard shifts of manual work in to cut, scrub willow, gorse, cotoneaster and birch on the common land by Llanddona School.

### **Beumaris – Tour of Britain**

Pleased to support and push for the Tour of Britain to start from the Seiriol Ward and was fantastic to be at the start line waving them off.

### **Bin Area Makeover Llanddona**

I had been working for 18 months which included meetings, consultation, drawings, estimates, application etc, and to finally see the new and safer bin area constructed at Ponc Y Felin Llanddona was wonderful.

## **3 - Initiatives and Special Activities**

**School Governor at Ysgol David Hughes** – attended numerous meetings of the full body and finance and personnel subcommittee.

**School Governor at Ysgol Llandegfan** - attended numerous meetings of the full body and finance and personnel subcommittee.

### **Pobl Seiriol**

I attended Pobl Seiriol meetings through the year to discuss and look at ways of helping the Seiriol Ward in the future. We also were able to award £10,000 to local projects which were presented through each community council. £1.5k was given towards a new notice board opposite McCalls in Llangoed, £500 for Ffrindiau Llangoed community involvement projects, £2k towards the Llanddona village hall work, £1k towards Llandegfan village hall improvements, £1k towards a basket swing in Llansadwrn park, £2k to buy a marquee for local events in and around Beaumaris and Seiriol to be managed by the Town Council and £2k to cover the first year insurance for the £20k mini bus we have had for the Seiriol ward use to be managed by the Ganolfan.

### **4 - Learning and Development**

As I am also in employment as a Business Lecturer I am constantly updating my knowledge and updating on current and new legislation.

I have also attended three members briefing sessions at Anglesey Council which provide key information and learning on various aspects of Council business and key services.

### **5 - Other Activities and Issues**

The past 12 months have been enjoyable as a Councillor and helping others and my Island gives me great personal satisfaction. Without doubt the highlight and most emotional time was being invited to Haulfre at Christmas along with Cllr Lewis Davies and seeing residents, family and staff so happy and appreciative of the campaign we mounted during the final quarter of 2015. This evening at Haulfre made standing for the Councillor role back in 2013 worth it.

I am passionate about my Ward and try my best for the area and give the role everything I have. The main challenge for me is balancing the demands of the role with my employment as a Business Studies lecturer and home life where I have 3 young children and a wife.

I will now be approaching the fourth year as an elected member with enthusiasm and in the belief that as a Local Authority and Councillors we can make further progress and help more people.

More information about me can be found here:

<http://democracy.anglesey.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=295&LLL=0>

<b>Councillor Carwyn Elias Jones</b>
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<b>April 2016</b>
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