

Member's Annual Report 2016/17

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2017. 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 2016 and March 2017, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	¹ Attendance Figures
Council	6 (67%)
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	8 (89%)
Appointments Committee	No meetings
Indemnities sub-committee	No meetings
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 (50%). I also attended 2 meetings (100%) of the Regeneration Committee (subcommittee of the Trust which deals with grant applications)

2 - Constituency Activity

Community Councils - The Seiriol Ward rota is used to attend the Community Council meetings at Llanddona, Cwm Cadnant and Llangoed, and also attend and report back to the Beaumaris Town Council.

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

¹ Attendance figures supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council

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

New Llaniestyn / Llanddona Cemetery – A key highlight for me was seeing a project that had been ongoing for the previous 4 years and included the first ever compulsory purchase order for Anglesey Council finally completed and handed over to the Llanddona Community Council. The Cemetery was officially consecrated by the Bishop of Bangor.

Beaumaris 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 Beaumaris. The effects of flooding as many residents know from experience can be devastating and we were delighted to be able to secure this funding and seeing the work and feedback of the difference it made following storms.

Dog Mess Posters – Working in liaison with the PCSO and school in Llandegfan a competition was set up to create a pick up the dog mess poster. Two winning entries were selected and these posters were then professionally produced on plates and erected across Llansadwrn and Llandegfan.

Llanfaes Play and Picnic area – Another projects that did bear fruit was helping Llanfaes with grant applications to create a nice new picnic area with planters and two new swings for the children.

Clwb Sadwrn – Since losing its village hall, Llansadwrn has not had a meeting point. The setting up of Clwb Sadwrn, which meets up every first Saturday of the month has been excellent and with a Seiriol grant funding has been secured to hopefully see this group go from strength to strength.

Local Events - I try my best to attend and support as many local events as possible that take place within the ward.

Parking by Llandegfan School – Following numerous complaints and concerns a considerable amount of effort was put in to work between all stake holders to try and improve the situation by the school. The Highways department have helped with a number of initiatives to alleviate some of the issues.

Welcome to the Isle of Anglesey – One campaign I mounted this year was for the erection of a Welcome to Anglesey sign to be on view as motorists come to the Island over Britannia Bridge. The work for this campaign was successful and a sign was erected and also included the home for the National Eisteddfod 2017 on the newly erected sign.

Llandegfan Youth Club - I stood shoulder to shoulder with the youths who attend the youth club at Llandegfan to campaign for keeping the club in the village, a vital resource.

Beaumaris beach clean - A successful beach clean session was organised and held in Beaumaris and the waste collected by Anglesey Council.

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

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

Chair of Governors 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 were also able to award up to £10,000 for local projects which were presented through each community council.

4 - Learning and Development

Employment Law	10/11/2016
Member Briefing Sessions (9 out of 23 = 39%)	April 2016 – March 2017

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. 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 fifth 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>

Councillor Carwyn Elias Jones	April 2017
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