



Member's Annual Report 2019/2020

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2020. 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 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees: | Attendance Summary |
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| Audit and Governance Committee | Attendance Record |
| Corporate Scrutiny Committee (Vice-Chair) | |
| Democratic Services Committee | |
| Disciplinary Committee | |
| General Grants Committee | |
| Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust Committee | |
| Isle of Anglesey County Council | |
| 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 |
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| <p>- Gwynedd and Anglesey Adoption Panel</p> | <p>I am the sole County Councillor representative for Gwynedd and Môn on this Panel. The Panel carries out the important work of matching children ready for adoption with prospective adopters and meets on a monthly basis to consider individual cases.</p> |
| <p>- North Wales Community Health Council (Anglesey Local Committee)</p> | <p>I am one of the three Ynys Môn County Councillors that sit on the North Wales Community Health Council (CHC) which is an independent statutory organisation which represents the interests of patients and the public in the NHS in North Wales. For example the CHC recently published its own report about people's experiences of vascular services in the region following the review by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board of the impact of the changes they had made to the service i.e. moving provision of services from Ysbyty Gwynedd to Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. As part of my role I regularly assist with exhibitions at public events to raise awareness of the CHC's work.</p> |
| <p>- North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority - North Wales Fire and Rescue Executive Committee</p> | <p>I am one of the 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 sit on the Executive Sub-Committee. In the Annual Meeting last May I had the privilege of being elected as Deputy Chair of the Authority. As a result I meet regularly with the Chair and Chief Officer to discuss strategic and operational issues.</p> |

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| <p>- North Wales Police and Crime Panel</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 performance and budget of the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner – Mr Arfon Jones.</p> |
| <p>- School Governor / Bodffordd Primary School</p> | <p>For most of last year I was the Chair of Governors for Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd. In terms of performance the school is categorised as “Yellow” which means that performance over the past 3 years is above average. It has been a difficult year for the school following the recent statutory consultation as part of the Council’s Schools Modernisation Programme for Llangefni (see last section under “Constituency Activity”).</p> |
| <p>- School Governor / Canolfan Addysg y Bont, Llangefni</p> | <p>I am Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors for Canolfan Addysg y Bont which is a school in Llangefni providing learning for pupils who have a statement of special educational needs. Pupils have a wide range of learning needs, including severe learning difficulties, profound and multiple learning difficulties and autistic spectrum disorders. Pupil numbers within the school continue to increase and balancing the budget continues to be a major challenge for the governing body.</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 – In December I stood down as a Town Councillor with Llangefni Town Council having served as a Town Councillor for 14

years. However, I still attend the monthly meetings so that I can support the work of the Town Council in my role as a County Councillor. I have also assumed the lead responsibility amongst the three Canolbarth Môn Councillors for supporting Llanddyfnan Community Council and I regularly attend their monthly meetings.

Llangefni Social Enterprise – This Social Enterprise is responsible for the Llangefni Urban Sports Park and I am Chair of the project group. The Park continues to be enormously successful with 80-100 users visiting the Park on a daily basis to ride their scooters, skateboard and use the outdoor gym and basketball court.

Gobaith Môn – This is a Charity that I support on a personal basis and I am Secretary for the trustees. The organisation works exclusively with young people in schools, churches and communities across the island seeking to provide for their well-being and helping them to reach their full potential. During the last year the Gobaith Mon youth workers have been involved in delivering various lessons and activities in four out of the five Secondary Schools on the island.

Red Squirrels Wales Trust – I am a member of this organisation which has done amazing work in re-introducing suitable habitats to conserve the native species of red squirrels e.g. Nant y Pandy, Llangefni.

Llangefni Parkrun – It is a privilege and joy to support this initiative which has proved extremely popular with between 70-100 participants running through Nant y Pandy every Saturday morning. As well as volunteering once a month on marshalling duties I also participate (personal best time is 26.00 minutes!).

Llangefni Partnership – I am a member of this local Regeneration Group which brings individuals and organisations together with the aim of revitalising Llangefni.

As well as attending various meetings I also have a regular 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.
- Community Safety – working with the Police and other partner agencies to tackle complaints of vandalism and anti-social behaviour.
- Environmental health – complaints of vermin, rubbish and derelict properties.

In addition, I carried out my own survey in respect of the Council's statutory consultation on a proposal for the primary education provision in the Llangefni area to be changed as follows:

“Re-locate and extend Ysgol Corn Hir to a different site to accommodate pupils from Ysgol Bodffordd, close Ysgol Bodffordd and review the catchment areas of Ysgol Bodffordd and Ysgol Corn Hir”.

As the Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors for Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd (Y.G.B.) and as a local member I felt that it was important for me to gather as accurate a picture as possible of what exactly parents thought of this proposal. I therefore conducted my own telephone survey with 47 parents who currently send their children to Y.G.B. A report on the results of the survey has since been submitted as part of the statutory consultation.

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

Council Chairman - In 2018-19 I was privileged to serve as Chair of the County Council with my term of office coming to an end in May 2019. My chosen charity was St. David’s Hospice and thanks to the generous support I received I was able to raise a total of £10,502.35p. The monies raised will go towards the project to open a four-bed satellite unit at Ysbyty Penrhos Stanley, Holyhead.

Fairness Commission - In Autumn 2019 a number of individuals and organisations came together to organise a conference to explore the idea of a Fairness Commissions and whether Ynys Môn might benefit from having one. As a result I am a member of a steering group that has commissioned work to investigate the level of support, its feasibility and scope. Integral to this is the eliciting of views of a wide range of individuals and organisations on the island.

So far 30 Fairness Commissions have been set up in England, Scotland and Wales (Newport the sole Welsh representative) following the very first in Islington in 2010. Fairness Commissions are seen as a means of helping reduce poverty and inequality and most have succeeded in generating compelling evidence and data about poverty and inequality at the local level.

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): [Training](#)

5 - Other Activities and Issues

In order that I can best serve my constituents I recognise that I need to involve myself in the community as much as possible. As a result I regularly attend different cultural/community and public events e.g.

Cultural events – Cyngerdd cyhoeddi Eisteddfod Môn, Young Farmers Eisteddfod, various exhibition openings at Oriol Ynys Môn, Inner Wheel Charity Bridge tournament.

Community events – Young Farmers Rally at Mona, Christmas Concerts/Services at Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd, Canolfan Addysg y Bont, Bodwrog Memorial Hall, Capel

y Gad and Emergency Services, Phoenix project awards to young people at Llangefni Fire Station, Autumn Fair at Mona Showground, Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni Dragon's Lair, Gwyl Bodffordd. Visits to Llys Hywel and Tyddyn Môn.

Public events – Opening of Ynys Môn CAB offices in Holyhead, Future of Talwrn Community Shop, Tree of Lights Christmas Service at St Cyngar's Church, Llangefni, Llangefni Flood Risk Exhibition, Llangefni Football Club AGM, Low Carbon Communities Conference.

More information about me can be found here: [Councillor Dylan Rees](#)

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| Councillor Dylan Rees | June 2020 |
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