

Councillor's Annual Report

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2014. 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 not necessarily reflect the views of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

Councillor: Dylan Wyn Rees
Group: Plaid Cymru - the Party of Wales

Ward: Canolbarth Môn

Role & Responsibilities

It has been a privilege to be elected as a County Councillor at the last election and it is a role that I am fully committed to.

Between March 2013 and May 2014 I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	* Attendance figures (supplied by IOACC)
Council	13 (100%)
Corporate Parenting Panel	2 (66%)
Democratic Services	3 (75%)
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny	9 (100%)
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) (Chair)	3 (100%)
* 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.	

I am a member of the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust (I attended 2 meetings).

I am also a member of the Anglesey Rural Food Bank.

Constituency Activity

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

School Governor Meetings – I am a school governor of Ysgol y Bont and Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd.

Town and Community Council Meetings – I am a Town Councillor with Llangefni Town Council and I have also assumed the main responsibility amongst the three Canolbarth Môn Councillors for attending Bodffordd Community Council. I also on occasions attend Gwalchmai, Bryngwran and Llanddyfan Community Council meetings. I am a member of the Llangefni Social Enterprise and also have regular liaison meetings with senior representatives of Môn Communities First.

As well as attending various meetings I also have a significant caseload as I seek to undertake work on behalf of constituents. Examples of the types of cases that I regularly deal with include:

- Highways - complaints of potholes, flooding, road hazards etc.
- Housing – repairs and maintenance complaints.
- Housing – complaints re allocations policy.
- Housing – grass cutting.
- Social services – granting of blue disabled badges.
- Planning – objections to applications.
- Waste Management – bin collection.

In order to make myself as accessible as possible to my constituents I have created my own Facebook page. Together with my two fellow Canolbarth Môn Councillors I have also started holding advice surgeries in Llangefni Town Centre.

Initiatives & Special Activities

My overall aim as a Councillor is, whenever possible, to make a difference for the sake of the community. Some of the particular activities I have been involved with include:

Supporting the Llangefni Social Enterprise which is helping to regenerate the town through breathing new life into the market.

Chairing a public meeting that I'd help to arrange to discuss a controversial planning application in relation to a proposed large scale housing development in Ty'n Coed, Llangefni.

Co-ordinating a public meeting in Bodffordd to discuss local anti-social behaviour problems.

Attending public meetings regarding concerns over budget cuts to Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin on Anglesey.

Following a request from the resident artist with the touring National Theatre for Wales I was able to obtain the necessary permission for him to involve local youngsters in re-painting the Llangefni skate park.

Learning & Development I am keen to develop my skills and knowledge as a Councillor and over the last year have completed the following courses:

I have attended the following learning and development opportunities during the past year (information supplied by IOACC):	
Introduction to Member Support	May 2013
Ethical Framework	May 2013
Welsh Language/Data Protection/Press & Media	May 2013
Register of Interest Training	May 2013
Overview of Scrutiny Training	June 2013
Corporate Planning Meeting	June 2013
Making More of a Difference in Scrutiny	June 2013
Conducting a Scrutiny Review	July 2013
Scrutiny of Performance Data	July 2013
Making Social Media Work for Councillors	September 2013
Shadow Executive Training	September 2013
Personal Development Review	October 2013
Scrutinising the Budget	October 2013
PINS Training	November 2013
PRINCE 2 – Board Members Training	December 2013

Other Activities & Issues

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

Cultural events – Eisteddfod yr Urdd, Eisteddfod Bodffordd, Theatr Fach, exhibitions at Oriol Ynys Môn, Llangefni Agewell Exhibition, Alleni Môn musical in Biwmares, Anglesey Open Studios, opening of Amlwch Geology Trail.

Social & Community events – Llangefni Carnival, Talwrn Quiz Nights, Parc Frindiau Pandy – Big Lunch, Llangefni v Gwalchmai Charity Football Match, Bryngwran Fun Day, Opening of new Police Station in Llangefni, Christmas concerts at Ysgol y Bont, Ysgol Corn Hir and Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd, Anglesey Youth Awards, ‘Go Dad Run’ and yes I did run the 5K!

Consultation events – Horizon Nuclear Power, Celtic Array (Rhiannon Wind Farm), Faith in Action (hosted by the Catholic Church), Canolfan Gymunedol Tudur, Llangefni Town Centre Study.

Councillor Dylan Rees

April 2014