

## 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: Dylan Wyn Rees**

**Group: Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales**

**Ward: Canolbarth Môn**

### 1 - Role & Responsibilities

Between April 2016 and March 2017, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	<sup>1</sup> Attendance Figures
Council	9(100%)
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	8 (89%)
Democratic Services Committee	2 (50%)
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) (Chair)	3 (100%)
Corporate Parenting Panel	4 (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.	
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 and attended 3 meetings (75%). I am also a member of the Trust's General Grants Committee. In addition I sit on the School Progress Review Panel which is a sub-group of the Scrutiny Committee

I represent the Council on the following outside bodies:	Number of meetings arranged	Number attended
Community Health Council - Ynys Môn Local Committee and Full Council meetings	7	4

### 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 13 full Council meetings out of 13 = 100%) and I have also assumed the main responsibility amongst the three Canolbarth Môn Councillors for attending Bodffordd Community Council ( I attended 7 out of 11 meetings = 64%).

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

I also on occasions attend Bryngwran Community Council meetings and Trewalchmai Community Council meetings although my fellow Canolbarth Môn Councillor Bob Parry is the main representative on these committees.

School Governor Meetings – I am a school governor of Canolfan Addysg y Bont and Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors for Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd.

Three years ago I was appointed to serve on the North Wales Community Health Council which is one of eight statutory NHS Wales's watchdogs representing public and patients interests in healthcare. As part of my role I have undertaken an unannounced 'Care Watch' inspection visit to a local hospital and also assisted with public exhibitions to raise awareness of the CHC's work

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

- I am a member of Red Squirrels Trust Wales which has done such fantastic work in eradicating grey squirrels from Anglesey and re-establishing the island as a natural habitat for the red squirrel.
- I am secretary of the trustees for Gobaith Môn which is a charity that promotes Christian youth work on the island. Currently Gobaith Môn youth workers are very much involved in working alongside staff at Holyhead High School and Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones, Amlwch.
- I am a member of the newly formed Llangefni partnership which seeks to bring individuals and organisations together with the aim of reviving Llangefni. I currently sit on the 'Tourism and Culture' working group.

During last year I continued in my role as Shadow Portfolio Holder for "Economic Development, Leisure and Tourism" within the Plaid Cymru Opposition Group. As a result I regularly attended briefing sessions held between the Head of Service and the Portfolio holder

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 – objections to applications and assistance with applications.
- Housing – providing advice regarding the allocations policy and assisting clients threatened with homelessness or who were seeking a transfer.
- Highways – complaints regarding speeding, and parking.
- Waste Management – complaints regarding waste collection and replacement recycling containers.
- Environment – complaints regarding condition of public footpaths, fly tipping and felling of trees.

In order to make myself as accessible as possible to my constituents I have created my own Councillor Dylan Rees Facebook page. I also attend surgeries with my co Councillors in Llangefni to provide support for constituents.

### 3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

During the last 12 months I have been very busy continuing in my role as Chair of the Llangefni Urban Sports Park Project. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017, two years after the commencement of the project, it was announced that all the funding had been secured. This included a grant of £385,295 from the Big Lottery and match funding of £37,500 from the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust. This means that the Urban Sports Park can now be built and construction work is due to commence at the beginning of September 2017 and should be completed before the end of the year. The Park will be a fantastic facility for use by all sections of the community. In addition to a wheeled sports area for skateboarders, scooterists and BMX riders it will also have a basketball area, a climbing wall and an outdoor gym.

Over the last 18 months I have also been a member of the Llangefni & Rhosmeirch Fundraising Committee for the 2017 National Eisteddfod to be held in Bodedern. Our target was to raise £22,500 and we actually exceeded the target by raising a total of £28,460 which was a fantastic effort by all concerned.

### 4 - Learning and Development

I have attended the following learning and development initiatives during the past year (information supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council):

Employment Law	10/11/2016
Sickness Absence Management	28/11/2016
Member Briefing Sessions (19 out of 23 = 83%)	April 2016 – March 2017

I have also during the last year successfully completed a Welsh Local Government Association course in "Political Leadership"

### 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** – Eisteddfod yr Urdd concert at Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern, Gwenan Gibbard Concert in Canolfan Rhosmeirch, launch of Bara Brith CD in St Cyngar Church Hall, Eisteddfod Talwrn, various exhibition openings at Oriol Ynys Mon, Grand Concert at Moreia Chapel, Llangefni, charity concert at y Ganolfan, Bodffordd.

**Community events** – Llangefni Carnival, Young Farmers Rally at Mona, Christmas Concerts at Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd, Canolfan Addysg y Bont and St Llwydian Church,

**Public events** – Opening of first stage of Llangefni Link Road, AGM Ffermwyr Ifanc Ynys Mon, AGM Red Squirrels Trust Wales, Mon Communities First AGM, HMP Berwyn Exhibition in Pontio, National Grid consultation in Talwrn, opening of new offices for local branch of the Samaritans.

More information about me can be found here:

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

<b>Councillor Dylan Rees</b>	<b>April 2017</b>
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