

Member's Annual Report 2014/15

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2015. 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

1 - Role & Responsibilities

Between April 2014 and March 2015, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	¹Attendance Figures
Full Council	10 (91%)
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	8 (100%)
Democratic Services Committee	4 (80%)
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 (I attended 3 meetings) and the General Grants 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 (from November 2014)	3	2 (66%)

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 9 out of 11 meetings – 83%) and I have also assumed the main responsibility amongst the three Canolbarth Môn Councillors for attending Bodffordd Community Council (I attended 10 out of 11 meetings – 91%).

¹ Attendance figures supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council

On occasions I attend Gwalchmai, Bryngwran and Llanddyfnan Community Council meetings although my fellow Canolbarth Môn Councillors are the main representatives 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.

I am a member of the Llangefni Town Partnership and the Anglesey Rural Food Bank. I also have regular liaison meetings with senior representatives of Môn Communities First. Last year I was also appointed to serve on the North Wales Community Health Council which is one of eight statutory NHS Wales watchdogs representing public and patient interests in healthcare. Recently the C.H.C. has been publicly critical over the lack of consultation undertaken by the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board in announcing its decision to temporarily suspend obstetric services at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. Consequently I attended as an observer at the public meeting held at St Asaph Cathedral on the 12th. March to discuss these contentious proposals.

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.
- Housing – advice and assistance re allocations policy.
- Neighbour disputes.
- Leisure – concerns over the threat to Llangefni Golf Course and the squash courts at Plas Arthur.
- Property – complaints regarding hazards caused by disused properties.
- Highways – complaints/concerns relating to parking, potholes, speeding.
- Social Services – emergency access difficulties for residents in sheltered accommodation.

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

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

My overall aim as a Councillor is to try and make a real difference in the lives of the people I have been elected to serve. I am currently involved in two local initiatives which I hope will bring about lasting benefit to the community:

- I have recently been appointed Chair of the Anglesey Skate Park Project Group. The Group has been established for the purpose of delivering a new skate park facility in Llangefni following the demolition of the old skate park. This is a long-term project which if successful will greatly benefit local youngsters.

- I am a member of the newly formed committee for “Parc Plant Gwalchmai”. The park is in urgent need of funding and was in danger of having to close. Amongst many fund raising activities that are taking place I will be participating in the Menter Môn Walkathon on the 24 May 2015 which is a sponsored walk over a distance of 26.2miles.

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):

Safeguarding	April 2014
Local Government Reform Seminar	September 2014
Value-added Scrutiny	September 2014
Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014	October 2014
Seminar on Housing Allocation Policy	January 2015
Information Governance	March 2015

5 - Other Activities and 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 Ffermwyr Ifanc, Alleni Môn musical in Biwmares, Exhibitions in Oriel Môn, Geomon lauch event, Cymanfa Ganu in Bryngwran.

Social & Community events – Llangefni Carnival, Talwrn Quiz Nights, Bryngwran Fun Day, Christmas concerts at Canolfan Addysg y Bont, Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd, Capel y Gad, Sant Cyngar, Neuadd Bodwrog. Anglesey Youth Awards, Induction service of new Llangefni vicar.

Consultation events – 2 Sisters stakeholders meeting, ‘Faith in Action’ (hosted by the Catholic Church), Llangefni Link Road, Community Energy Event in Llangefni Town Hall.

Councillor Dylan Rees	April 2015
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