

Member's Annual Report 2015/16

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2016. 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 2015 and March 2016, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	¹ Attendance Figures
Council	6 (75%)*
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	6 (100%)
Democratic Services Committee	2 (100%)
Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) (Chair)	3 (100%)
Corporate Parenting Panel	3 (75%)
*Missed two meetings which were held on the same day.	
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 5 meetings (83%). I am also a member of the Trust's 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	8	7

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 14 = 93%) and I have also assumed the main responsibility amongst the three Canolbarth Môn Councillors for attending Bodffordd Community Council (I attended 12 out of 12 meetings = 100%).

¹ Attendance figures supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council

I also frequently attend Bryngwran Community Council meetings although my fellow Canolbarth Môn Councillor Bob Parry is the main representative on this committee.

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 trustee with Gobaith Mon which is a charity that promotes Christian youthwork on the island. I also regularly attend liaison meetings with Mon Communities First. Two 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 inspection visit to a local hospital and also assisted with patient surveys at Ysbyty Gwynedd.

Earlier this year I was appointed Shadow Portfolio Holder for "Economic Development, Leisure and Tourism" within the Plaid Cymru Opposition Group. As a result I regularly attend briefing sessions which are held between the Head of Service and the Portfolio holder. As part of my role I also attend relevant business events e.g. "Wales International Business Council" as well as sometimes meeting with owners/directors of local businesses e.g. Marco Cable Management, Hogans.

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.
- Highways – complaints regarding speeding, parking and potholes.

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 Mon Councillors I have also started holding advice surgeries in Llangefni.

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

During the last 12 months I have been very busy as Chair of the Llangefni Urban Sports Park Project. In November 2015 the Big Lottery accepted the outline proposal for the project. Since then the project group has been working hard on completing the full application which has to be submitted by July 2016. If successful, an Urban Sports Park costing circa £300,000 will be built on the site of the old skate park adjacent to Plas Arthur Lesiure Centre. In addition to a wheeled sports area for skateboarders, scooterists and BMX riders it is also planned to have a basketball area, a climbing wall and an outdoor gym.

On the 24 May 2015 I took part in the Menter Mon Walkathon, a sponsored walk over a distance of 26.2 miles. As a result I succeeded in raising a total of £550 for “Parc Plant Gwalchmai”.

In July 2015 I celebrated my 60th birthday by taking part in the “Mary Jones Challenge”. This was a 28 mile sponsored walk from Llanfihangel y Pennant to Bala following the footsteps of young Mary Jones who walked barefoot along the route in order to ask the local minister for a bible. As a result I succeeded in raising £1,000 for the Bible Society in Wales.

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):

Community Health Council Induction Training	May 2015
Member Briefing Sessions = 7 out of 11 (64%)	April 2015 – March 2016

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 concert at Ysgol Gyfun, Young Farmers Eisteddfod, ‘Cawl a Chan’ evening in Llangefni Town Hall, various exhibition openings at Oriol Ynys Mon.

Community events – Mayor’s Charity Concert at Capel Moriah, Young Farmers Rally at Mona, Families Day at Mona, Gwalchmai Carnival, Anglesey Show, Awyr Las 5K run at Plas Newydd, Christmas Concerts at Saint Cyngar’s Church, Neuadd Bodwrog and Canolfan Addysg y Bont.

Public events – “Codi Stem” presentation at Coleg Menai, “Building Communities” in Canolfan Ebeneser, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board engagement session in Llangefni Town Hall, People’s Forum at Oriol Ynys Mon, National Grid consultation at Canolfan Ebeneser, Horizon consultation at Llangefni Town Hall, public meeting at Mona showground re consultation on gypsy/traveller sites.

More information about me can be found here:

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

Councillor Dylan Rees	April 2016
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