



Member's Annual Report 2020/2021

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2021. 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 2020 and 31 March 2021, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	Attendance Summary
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
<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. The organisation regularly conducts surveys to gain information about patients experiences of using the NHS so that concerns can be raised and improvements made.</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 this year's Annual Meeting May I had the privilege of being re-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>
<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</p>

<p>- School Governor / Bodffordd Primary School</p>	<p>North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>I am the Deputy Chair of the Board of Governors for Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd. Together with the rest of the Board I was delighted to hear in November last year that as part of its School's Modernisation Programme the Council Executive had reversed its decision to close Ysgol Gymuned Bodffordd, something we had all been campaigning for. As a result the new primary school to be built in Llangefni will specifically meet the needs of Ysgol Corn Hir.</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 – I regularly attend the monthly meetings of Llangefni Town Council 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.

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 Partnership – I am a member of this local Regeneration Group which brings individuals and organisations together with the aim of revitalising Llangefni. Together with Menter Môn the Partnership has recently launched a pilot scheme called “Patrwm” to make free WiFi available to people visiting Llangefni Town Centre which will hopefully encourage increased footfall.

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.

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

During the early part of the first lockdown I volunteered to assist with delivering prescriptions to patients who were shielding. The following is an interview on my volunteering duties that was published in a Medrwn Mon Bulletin:

What made you to decide to volunteer during this period?

I'm a County Councillor for the Canolbarth Môn ward and have always strongly believed that politicians are elected TO SERVE the communities that they represent. When I saw that Menter Môn were recruiting local volunteers who wanted to help during the Covid 19 crisis I therefore put my name forward.

What volunteering are you doing?

I've been helping out at Coed y Glyn which is a local surgery in Llangefni. They have a number of vulnerable patients who are having to self-isolate and regularly need prescriptions delivered to their homes. As a result I have become the surgery's dedicated volunteer driver.

How busy are you?

I'm usually called upon to make deliveries about three times a week which takes me a couple of hours as I cover as far north as Pentraeth, as far east as Gaerwen, as far south as Llangristiolus and as far west as Tyn Lon. I usually deliver around 40 prescriptions per week and to date have delivered around 350.

Are you enjoying the work?

Most definitely. Although what I'm doing is no big deal I can see that the patients are very grateful for this service. I always place the prescription package by the door and then withdraw a short distance having knocked on the door. When they then come to the door I invariably get a warm, appreciative response which is always nice.

My wife also appreciates me getting out from under her feet!

What's been the worst thing that has happened to you?

There was one cottage that was at the end of a single-track country lane and the gate to the property was padlocked. I therefore had to climb over the gate to get to the cottage. The elderly occupant seemed very surprised that I'd come to the door and when I climbed back over the gate I realised why. The top of the gate was covered in grease! On a positive note so far I haven't had any problems with dogs!

What will you remember most after this period comes to an end?

Like many others I've been going outside at 8.00pm on a Thursday evening to applaud our NHS workers and Carers who are on the front-line doing such tremendous work. We can't all be on the front-line but we can all contribute in some way. As St. David famously said – "Gwnewch y pethau bychain – do the small things".



Over the last few months I have been continuing my volunteering duties by joining the "Bwyd da Môn" project. The organisation has been set up to collect excess food

from local food suppliers that would otherwise have gone to landfill. For only £5 a week members are able to receive at least £20 of produce including fresh and frozen meat, fresh fruit and veg. plus a range of tinned and dried packet products. This is a brilliant project which not only benefits the community but also protects the environment. The following photo shows me helping out at the Llangefni outlet.



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

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

Councillor Dylan Rees	June 2021
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