

ANNUAL REPORT – 2013/14

Councillor: Evan Selwyn Griffiths	Group: Plaid Cymru
Ward: Porthmadog West	
Purpose of the annual report: The aim of the Annual Report is to assist the electorate to become better informed of the work and activities of their elected local authority member during the year.	
Role and responsibilities: I am a member of the Democratic Services Committee, Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Dwyfor Area Committee, SACRE (Chairman), Porthmadog Harbour Committee, Chief Officers Appointment Committee.	
Constituency activities: I have collaborated with the committee of the Porthmadog Ysgol Feithrin to search for a new site. I collaborated with officers to improve the safety of the pupils' access to Ysgol Eifionydd. We also succeeded to obtain a grant to build a new footbridge that was also suitable for cyclists. Similarly, I collaborated with the staff of Ysgol Eifion Wyn to improve the safety of the pupils near the school entrance. I arranged a networking evening 'Boosting Businesses' in Porthmadog which was attended by sixty local businesses. I was the Chairman of the Cob 200 events that ended in the summer 2013, when a sculpture of Maddocks was unveiled. During the year, I have been a member of a working group that was looking into methods of supporting older people in the Porthmadog catchment area in the future. Through hard work and collaboration we have succeeded in attracting grant funding to construct toilets and other facilities near the main access to Black Rock Sands – this assisted to obtain the Blue Flag for the beach. I collaborated with residents of Morfa Bychan to establish a new committee to take responsibility for the field and to look into ways of improving the provision with the assistance of the area's Regeneration Officer. I arranged an evening for the residents of Morfa Bychan to discuss the Council's recycling arrangements. I collaborated with officers to improve safety by constructing an island that would ensure better access for traffic from all directions at the Penamser junction. I also worked with officers and Friends of Morfa Bychan to improve road safety.	
Other initiatives and activities: Member of Porthmadog Town Council Attend meetings of the Friends of Borth y Gest Attend meetings of the Friends of Morfa Bychan Attend Ysgol Eifion Wyn Governing Body meetings as an observer Attending meetings of the Friends of Hafod y Gest Chairman of Porthmadog Conservation Area Attend meetings of the Porthmadog Chamber of Trade Attend and support Porthmadog area's Breuddwydion Bro committee Member of Morfa Bychan Centre's Management Committee Member of the Eifionydd Area Police Advisory Group	

I attended the following Committees:

COMMITTEE	PRESENT
The Council	4
The Cabinet	1
Corporate Scrutiny Committee	5
Democratic Services Committee	4
Planning Committee	3
Standards Committee	1
Chief Officers Appointment Committee	6
SACRE	3
Porthmadog Harbour Consultative Committee	2
Corporate Scrutiny Committee Preparatory Meeting	4
Dwyfor Area Forum	4

Percentage of Attendance: 100%

I participated in the following additional meetings, seminars, investigations and workshops:

- Gwynedd Recycling Forum
- Anglesey and Gwynedd Unitary Plan Seminar
- Financial Strategy and Savings Seminar
- Age Concern Wales Conference, Dwyfor Region
- Local Development Plan Seminar
- Information about Gwynedd's Economy
- Public Engagement Workshop for Elected Members
- Friends Scheme Conference

I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies:

- TELNET
- Ysgol Eifionydd (Governor)
- Ysgol Borth y Gest (Governor)
- Management Committee of Y Ganolfan, Porthmadog
 - Rebeca Committee

I represented the Chair of Gwynedd Council at:

- Wales SACRE for Caernarfon (Welcome)
- Lloyd George Annual Lecture
- Welcoming the First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones during his visit to Neuadd Bethel.

I represented Gwynedd Council in the following meetings:

- Cambrian Coast Railway Conference
- Porthmadog Area Accommodation and Care Assessment Group
 - Mantell Gwynedd Annual Report

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

Corporate
Authority and Schools Performance Data
School Governance and Safeguarding Children
Information about people – Your Responsibility
The Structure and Condition of Gwynedd's Economy
Corporate Parent Panel
Special Educational Needs
Additional

Total number of hours: 13.5