

## ANNUAL REPORT – 2013/14

<p><b>Councillor:</b> Gareth Thomas</p> <p><b>Ward:</b> Penrhyndeudraeth</p>	<p><b>Group:</b> Plaid Cymru</p>																						
<p><b>Purpose of the annual report:</b> 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.</p>																							
<p><b>Role and responsibilities:</b> Local Member representing the Penrhyndeudraeth electorate Older People Champion, Gwynedd Council</p>																							
<p><b>Constituency activities:</b> Regular discussions with Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd during the period of refurbishing houses in Adwy Ddu, Maes Teg and Maes Hendre. Regular meetings with the Police to discuss local matters. Objecting the planning application for the YM site. Regular meetings with officers regarding Briwet Bridge, a member of the liaison committee, arranging a public meeting to discuss contentious issues. Meetings with the North Wales Wildlife Trust regarding the Cookes site.</p> <p>The main matters I campaigned on were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtaining a playing field and parking spaces in Minffordd</li> <li>• Parking on the High Street in Penrhyndeudraeth</li> <li>• Creating a Safe Route to School in Llanfrothen</li> <li>• Slowing traffic down in Llanfrothen</li> <li>• Slowing traffic down in Osmond Terrace</li> </ul> <p>This included attending many meetings with officers from various departments.</p>																							
<p><b>Initiatives and activities:</b> The Chairman of the Urdd Eisteddfod Appeal Committee, Penrhyndeudraeth Attending Minffordd residents meetings regarding Festival No.6, Portmeirion Chairing meetings between the Football Club and the Sports Society</p>																							
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<p><b>I participated in the following additional meetings, seminars, investigations and workshops:</b> Systems Thinking Scrutiny Investigation Rural Agenda Scrutiny Investigation Strategic Plan Workshop Savings Workshop Meirionnydd Employment Action Team Meirionnydd Area Forum Meirionnydd Schools Organisation Seminars Accommodation and Care Group, Porthmadog area Council Engagement Project Group Wales Leadership Academy</p>																							

In my role as Older People Champion, I:

- Attended the meetings of the Gwynedd Older People Council (every 2 months)
- Met regularly with Age Cymru
- Met with the Council's Adults Service, Social Services Department
- Met with the Chair of Betsi Cadwaladr Local Health Board

**I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies:**

Ysgol Cefn Coch (Governor)  
Ysgol Arduwy (Governor)  
Ysgol y Garreg (attending Governors' meetings)

**I represented Gwynedd Council at the following meetings:**

Age Cymru Annual Meeting  
Volunteer of the Year awards ceremony (Mantell Gwynedd)  
Ffair Ffrindiau (Mantell Gwynedd)

**I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:**

<b>Corporate</b>	
School Governance and Safeguarding Children	
Corporate Parent Panel	
Special Educational Needs	
<b>Additional</b>	

Total number of hours: 7.5