

## ANNUAL REPORT – 2013/14

**Councillor:** Sian Gwenllian

**Group:** Plaid Cymru

**Ward:** Y Felinheli

### **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:**

In 2012, I joined the Cabinet as Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Education and the Lead Member - Children and Young People. My priorities were to seek better consistency in educational standards across the county, provide support for children and young people who need an additional boost as a result of their circumstances; making sure that the Council gives due consideration to issues relating to the Safeguarding and Protection of children. The following were the duties between May 2012 – May 2014:

#### Deputy Leader

Children and Young People Delivery Panel (Chair), Voluntary Sector Liaison Group, Chief Officers Appointment Committee, Financial Strategy Panel, Communications Unit Group and the Engagement Group. Deputising for the Leader as required (e.g. North Wales Leaders Board; meeting the Minister - World Heritage Site bid).

#### Lead Member Children and Young People

Corporate Parent Panel (Chair)  
Gwynedd and Anglesey Families First Board (Chair), Gyda'n Gilydd Board (Chair), Gwynedd and Anglesey Children and Young People Partnership, Child Protection Strategic Panel, Board of Flying Start and Llwybrau Ni Management Board.

#### Member for Education

Member of GwE Joint-committee (Vice-chair); Education Organisation Programme Board, Y Gader Organisation Project, Learning Needs Education Review, Special Education Centre of Excellence Project, Education Finance Forum, Education Management Team, Secondary Strategic Group, Primary Catchment Area consultative Group, Post - 16 Education Partnership, Cynnal's Management Committee and the Finance Sub-committee (Chair), Estyn Inspections Commissioning Panel, Cabinet Members for Education Forum and WLGA Education Bulletin. I published a bulletin on my work in spring 2013. It has been included at the end of this report. An update was provided in Rhaeadr in November 2013.

I stood down from the Cabinet in May 2014 as I had been selected as the Arfon Candidate (Plaid Cymru) for the 2016 Welsh Election. By now (July 2014) I am a member of the following:

Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Language Committee

Chief Officers Appointment

Ogwen Area Forum

I have also represented Gwynedd Council on the Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd Management Board since July 2014. I am a member of the Executive Committee and the Human Resources Committee.

### **Constituency activities:**

I have collaborated with the Community Council on a large number of electorate matters. I constantly submit reports on my work to electors of my ward by means of the village website ([www.felinheli.org](http://www.felinheli.org)), the Felinheli Facebook page, the Goriad local newspaper, the Herald community news and in e-mails to a large group of electors. Examples can be seen on [www.felinheli.org](http://www.felinheli.org)

Amongst the main issues that I have been working on are:

Ensuring more affordable housing/rented housing for people of the village and assist tenants to secure planning permission for a new Surgery. Secure a substantial grant to renovate the Memorial Hall. Secure grants to convert an old café into a community enterprise. Part of the campaign to change the route of the Caernarfon Bypass. Improvements to the Lôn Las in the Felinheli area. Improvements to Cerrig yr Afon Woodland. Dog fouling and litter campaigns jointly with school children, the youth club and Felin Daclus and the Tidy Towns initiative. Collaboration to create a lavender bed in memory of Moreia Chapel in the centre of the village. Collaborate with the police regarding antisocial behaviour. Traffic improvements each end of the village.

In the pipeline/ For the future  
 Re-opening part of the road to the Old Slate Quay. Reopening the Quay Steps Public Footpath. Opening the Coastal Path through Faenol. Creating a green lane in front of Caernarfon Road. Improvements to the Glan y Môr area. Try to resolve parking problems (a new car park). Try to create a multi-purpose playing field (finding suitable land). Try to create Allotments (find suitable land). New social housing near Y Wern. Public Footpath leaflet (Community Council). Continue with minor environmental improvements.

**Other initiatives and activities:**

Member of Gŵyl y Felin Committee (Welsh Community Festival)  
 Treasurer of Y Felin Sgwrsio (community enterprise)  
 Member of the Welsh Promotion Group in Felinheli and the Arfon Language Group.

**I attended the following Committees:**

COMMITTEE	PRESENT
The Council	4
The Cabinet	14
Communities Scrutiny Committee	1
Services Scrutiny Committee	2
Planning Committee	1
Chief Officers Appointment	5
Ogwen Area Forum	2

Percentage of Attendance: 85%

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

Waste/Recycling Workshop  
 Seminar on Planning: Promoting Change Workshop

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

GwE (North Wales Education Improvement Consortium)  
 Gwynedd and Anglesey Post -16 Learning Partnership (Chair)

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

WLGA Education Leaders  
 WLGA Annual Meeting

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

<b>Corporate</b>
Authority and Schools Performance Data
School Governance and Safeguarding Children
Corporate Parent Panel
Special Educational Needs
<b>Additional</b>
Effective Chairing Skills (WLGA)
Team Development (Cabinet)
Motivation Skills

Total number of hours: 25.5