

ANNUAL REPORT- 2014/15

Councillor: Elin Walker Jones	Group: Plaid Cymru
Ward: Bangor - Glyder	
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: Elected Member, Glyder ward, Bangor. Member of the Services Scrutiny Committee, and the Local Joint Consultative Committee. Gwynedd Council Autism Champion	
The following constituency activities were held: Dealing with a variety of local issues as required: including traffic and road safety issues; general security, the state of roads, pavements and footpaths, cold callers, dog fouling, bins, litter, the state of houses and flats, housing and homelessness issues, crime and drugs, street lighting, phone boxes, water board, tree and hedge cutting, cleanliness of streets, fly tipping, planning issues, advocacy, supporting Tyfu in their campaign to acquire allotments for Bangor, benefit payments, educative placements, roadworks, etc. Collaborating with residents, officers, head teachers, cabinet members, fellow councillors, the Police, Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd, Gwynedd & Anglesey Autism and Asperger Support Group (GAAASG), <i>Autism Initiatives</i> , North Wales Wildlife Trust, benefit agencies, and other stakeholders in the public, private and third sectors regarding a variety of matters. Collaborating with an AM and an MP to deal with local problems, e.g. traffic on Penrhos Road. Contacting departments within Welsh Government when needed, e.g. queries about special education placement arrangements. Responding to Government consultation on relevant matters, e.g. the Planning Bill.	
The following initiatives and activities were held: Menter Iaith Bangor Committee Member. Contributing to the initiative's work on Diwrnod Shw Mae/Su Mae; St. David's Day Parade, responding to the Joint Development Plan and Menter's work with groups like Bangor People Community Group with the Christmas Celebrations and the Carnival; the Museum, Bangor Events Group, and so on. Representing the Menter in the Arfon Community Language Group. CPERA and Maestryfan Community Group Collaborating with Cymdeithas Pobl Eithnog (CPERA chair) and Maestryfan Community Group. School traffic is a big issue; a lot of work has gone into giving information to the Council about the nature of the problems that face users in the area every day and stakeholders' opinions about how things should work. Working with the local community in Maes Tryfan supporting the community group. The state of the roads, pavements and footpaths has been a problem for some time. Meetings with stakeholders to try and achieve a solution. Collaborating with residents and the police to secure a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for the ward. The PCSO visited two summer fairs to mark bikes and to get to know residents, school pupils, parents and school staff. They also offered advice on local matters, established Neighbourhood Watch groups, etc. Working with the local community and the Police to establish Neighbourhood Watch groups. Visit to Cae Garnedd. Collaborating with Gwynedd & Anglesey Autism and Asperger Support Group (GAAASG) , especially the young adults group. Mentoring a student from the Social Policy department who had a special interest in autism. Penrhyn Parkrun Collaborating with the Council and enthusiastic individuals to set-up a successful Parkrun in Bangor. Walking Bus Organising a walking bus during the school's Walking Week, collaborating with Ysgol Tryfan and giving pupils an opportunity to complete a piece of voluntary work by supporting us on our walk to school each day. The Cathedral Food Bank Visiting the Cathedral's food bank to understand the nature of their work and the challenges that they're facing. Facilitating a meeting between the food bank volunteers and Avalon, which is an agency that provides advice on benefits. Plaid Cymru Work for Plaid Cymru, including being Vice Chair of Plaid Cymru's Bangor branch, attending the annual	

conference and the spring conference in Caernarfon.

Fundraising

Supporting and raising money for **Team Irfon, Awyr Las** and the **Air Ambulance**.

Collaborating across the Council

Contributing to the work of the Democratic Services Committee by discussing matters such as equality and diversity with the Chair.

Collaborating between the Council and other agencies

Facilitating and participating in a meeting between the Streetcare department and the Wales Centre for Behaviour Change, Bangor University.

I attended the following Committees:

COMMITTEE	PRESENT
The Council	5
Services Scrutiny Committee	3
Local Joint Consultative Committee	1
Preparatory meetings for Democratic Services Committee	4
Ogwen Area Forum	1

Percentage of Attendance: 70%

I was not able to attend the following Committee(s) due to the following reasons:

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

Corporate Parenting Panel (Democratic Services Committee representative)
Health, Safety and Welfare Panel
Welsh Education Quality Working Group
More Than Words Working Group
New Hafod Lon Special School Project Board
Gwynedd & Anglesey Autism Stakeholder Group
Gwynedd & Anglesey Joint Committee for Special Educational Needs
Seminar for Plaid Cymru (PC) members on the Planning Bill with Llŷr Huws Gruffudd AM

I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies:

Ysgol Y Garnedd (Governor)
Ysgol Tryfan (Governor)

I represented Gwynedd Council in the following meetings:

Grassroot Diplomat Social Driver Category
Ceremony, London, May 2014

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

Corporate	Date
Transforming Social Services	17/9/2014
Safe Leadership	5/12/2014

Total Number of hours: 7.5 hours