

ANNUAL REPORT- 2014/15

Councillor: Gareth Thomas	Group: Plaid Cymru																
Ward: Penrhyndeudraeth																	
<p>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.</p>																	
<p>Role and responsibilities: Local member for Penrhyndeudraeth Constituency Cabinet Member Responsible for Education</p>																	
<p>The following constituency activities were held: Regular discussions with Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd during the period of restoring housing in Adwy-Ddu, Maes Teg, Maes Hendre & Bro Llewelyn. Regular meetings with the Police to discuss local matters. Discussions with the Highways Agency regarding traffic in the Square and Castle Street. Discussion with the Road Safety Department, Gwynedd Council and the Head teacher of Ysgol Cefn Coch following an accident involving a child on the road to the school near Castle Street. Responding to the Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan Working with the Football Club/Sports Society/Town Council to ensure the future of the Parc Sports Field. Regular meetings with officers with respect to Briwet Bridge. Member of the Liaison Committee. Meetings with Council officers and attempting to solve issues with land ownership following a landslide near Penlan Uchaf Completing the Safe Route to the school in Llanfrothen. Have now received traffic calming measures in Llanfrothen – continuing to work with the Community Council to try and slow the traffic near the cenotaph.</p> <p>The main matters that I campaigned for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting a playing field and parking in Minffordd (including a successful application for backing from National Grid worth £10,000 • Parking on the High Street in Penrhyndeudraeth • Parking in Adwy-Ddu • Preserving full services at Penrhyndeudraeth Post Office <p>These included a number of meetings with different officers from different departments within the Council.</p>																	
<p>The following initiatives and activities were held: Attending Minffordd residents meeting regarding Festival No.6. Portmeirion Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council Chairman Attending Llanfrothen Community Council Meetings</p>																	
<p>I attended the following Committees:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">COMMITTEE</th> <th style="text-align: center;">PRESENT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>The Council</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Cabinet</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communities Scrutiny Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Services Scrutiny Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chief Officers Appointment Committee</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Meirionnydd Area Forum</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Percentage of Attendance: 90%</p>		COMMITTEE	PRESENT	The Council	5	The Cabinet	12	Communities Scrutiny Committee	1	Services Scrutiny Committee	4	Planning Committee	1	Chief Officers Appointment Committee	1	Meirionnydd Area Forum	2
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<p>I was not able to attend th following Committee(s) due to the following reasons: -</p>																	
<p>I participated in the following additional meetings, seminars, investigations and workshops:</p> <p><u>As Education Cabinet Member:</u> Corporate Parent Panel Delivery Panel for Children and Young People</p>																	

Children and Adults Strategic Safeguarding Panel
 Working Group for Influencing Children's Use of the Welsh Language in Social Contexts
 Primary School Head teachers Meetings
 Secondary School Head teachers Meetings
 Schools Reorganisation Programme Board
 Berwyn Catchment Area Education Project Board
 Y Gader Catchment Area Education Project Board
 Cynnal Management Board
 Additional Education Project Board
 Schools Budget Forum
 Schools Savings Target Working Group
 Education Management Team
 School Admissions Forum
 School Referral Units Management Board
 Special Educational Needs Joint Committee
 Primary School Head Teachers Conference
 Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) Annual Conference
 GwE Conference (Regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service for North Wales)
 Outdoor Tourism Conference
 Language Charter Conference

Financial Cuts Workshop

As a Local Member:

Strategic Planning Workshop
 Savings Workshop
 Meirionnydd Area Forum
 Porthmadog Area Accommodation and Care Group
 The Council's Engagement Project Board

I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies:

Ysgol Ardudwy (Governor)
 Ysgol Cefn Coch (Governor)
 Ysgol y Garreg (attending governors meetings)

I represented Gwynedd Council in the following meetings:

Anglesey & Gwynedd Post-16 Education Consortium
 GWE Board – The Schools Improvement Service
 Llandrillo Menai Group Board
 Estyn
 Welsh Government
 WLGA

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

Corporate	Date
Effective Governance	9/4/2014
Waste Strategy	7/5/2014
Workshops on Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults	7/5/2014 + 24/6/2014 + 4/7/2014
Transforming Social Services	17/9/2014
Webcasting	26/11/2014
Categorising Schools- The New Procedure	14/1/2015
Session for new Cabinet Members Development Programme: Cabinet	12/2/2015 + 9/3/2015
Leading Communities through Change (Welsh Session)	27/3/2015

Additional	Date
Effective Charing Skills	16/4/2014
Speed Reading	2/7/2014
Safeguarding Children	4/7/2014

Total Number of hours: 33 hours