

ANNUAL REPORT- 2014/15

Councillor: Sian Gwenllian																					
Ward: Y Felinheli	Group: Plaid Cymru																				
<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: I was appointed by the Cabinet as Gwynedd Small Businesses Champion, the only county that has a Champion in this sector, which shows the Council's commitment to small business as the backbone of the local economy. I acted as councillor for Felinheli. I was a member of a number of committees and I attended information and training events and represented the Council at events and on various external bodies.</p>																					
<p>The following constituency activities were held: <u>Connecting with constituents:</u> A drop-in session every Friday morning. Submitting a written report and attending Community Council meetings every month. Regular newsletters for constituents. Sending information to the felinheli.org website, the village's Facebook page, the Goriad community newspaper and the local press. <u>Contentious issues:</u> Landslide near the Old Slate Quarry; closing of the Stepiau Cei public footpath; the intention of National Grid to erect pylons across the Menai Strait; the Caernarfon/Bethel bypass. <u>Planning applications:</u> Including the Halfway House building; Parcia Sun Park; Cae Fodol. and the Project to route the Coastal Path through Faenol <u>Developing Matters:</u> Church Hall community car park; seaside public toilets; Rowen path improvement; supporting the Men's Sheds project at Caban Felin <u>Community Initiatives:</u> Tidy Felin Litter Picking campaigns; Treasurer of the Felin Sgwrsio; Gŵyl y Felin Committee Member; Y Felinheli Language Group Member; attending annual Tregwylan meetings. Holding a MacMillan Coffee morning to raise funds for the Nepal disaster; supporting the Cylich Meithrin's fundraising campaign.</p>																					
<p>The following initiatives and activities were held: Volunteering at Caernarfon Food Bank Supporting the pupils of Ysgol Maesgeirchen in their campaign to keep school transport</p>																					
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<p>I participated in the following additional meetings, seminars, investigations and workshops: Cyngor Gwynedd Liaison Group Meetings Local Government Reform Workshop Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Seminar Community Enterprises Forum Launch (25 September) Opening of Canolfan y Bont, Penygroes Savings Scrutiny Workshop (28 October) Gwynedd Language Strategy Launch (19 November) Gwynedd Challenge Public Meeting (20 November)</p>																					

Diversity Working Group (10 March)																									
<p>I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies: Gwynedd Economic Partnership Business Group GISDA Ysgol Syr Hugh Owen (Chair of Governing Body) Ysgol Gynradd Y Felinheli (School Governor)</p>	<p>I represented Gwynedd Council in the following meetings: GWE Joint Committee (9 July) Language and Economy Conference (17 September) WLGA Conference 2014 Bangor University Universal Credit Conference Gwynedd Business Week Many meetings with small businesses, representatives of the Federation of Small Businesses, Gwynedd Business Network, Bangor University.</p>																								
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