

ANNUAL REPORT - 2015/16

Councillor: Beth Lawton Ward: Bryn-crug - Llanfihangel	Group: Independent																														
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-chair of the Services Scrutiny Committee • Member of Gwynedd and Anglesey Special Needs Education Joint Committee • Member of Gwynedd Fair Trade Committee • Mental Health Champion 																															
Constituency activities: I have tried my best to assist my electorates with a variety of problems they have brought before me. I have supported the efforts of 'Dementia Go' locally by participating in a walk and attending a session of the support group.																															
Other initiatives and activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have taken on the temporary role of a finance clerk for Bryn-crug Community Council when they failed to appoint a clerk. • I have attended every monthly meeting of Llanfihangel y Pennant Community Council, except for one when I had to tend my apologies. • I am also a Trustee of the R J Roberts Dolgoch charity. • I am a member of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2016 International Sheepdog Trials Committee that will take place locally. Bryn-crug Centre Committee Abergynolwyn Carnival Committee Tywyn Hospital Equipment Fund Committee • I have assisted to improve the quality of the equipment at the Bryn-crug play field by seeking a grant and getting volunteers to install the equipment, also managed to get a safety mat for the play area at Abergynolwyn. • I support events and activities within my ward and I have been the MC at Eisteddfod Gadeiriol Abergynolwyn. 																															
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I was absent from the Committees stated due to:

Other commitments.

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

Gwynedd and Anglesey Special Needs Education Joint Committee
Gwynedd Fair Trade Committee
Scrutiny Forum
Education Scrutiny Investigation
Savings/Cuts Workshop
Education Finance Working Group
Her Gofal Focus Group
Efficiency Savings Scrutiny Working Group
Meetings with Heads of Department
Volunteer Liaison Group Meetings
Secondary Schools Education Quality Promotion Conference
Dementia Conference
Annual Scrutiny Workshop
Scrutiny Investigation into education support services

I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies or meetings:

Chair of Ysgol Craig y Deryn:
Meeting to discuss the Leisure Centre's future
Meeting to discuss local Recycling
Estyn Inspection of GWE
Mid-Wales Healthcare Collaborative Group - Joint scrutiny
CSSIW Inspection into Learning Disabilities

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

	Date
Leading Communities through Change	03/07/15
Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales 2014)	07/07/15
Effective Scrutiny	25/11/15
Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales 2014)	21/01/16
Code of Conduct 2016 - Update	23/03/16
I-pad Training	28/04/16
Dementia - Raising Awareness and developing dementia friendly communities	09/05/16

Total number of hours: 16.5