

ANNUAL REPORT - 2015/16

Councillor: Dafydd Meurig	Group: Plaid Cymru				
Ward: Arllechwedd					
<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: Member of the Cabinet since January 2015 with responsibility for Property, Transport, Planning and Public Protection.</p>					
<p>Constituency activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuading the First Minister to give an undertaking to fund the Talybont / A55 Flood Prevention Scheme valued at £1.9m. The work has commenced and will be completed by August 2016. • Brought pressure to bear on the Welsh Government to discuss with the interested developers to establish businesses at Parc Bryn Cegin Estate. • Received confirmation from BT that they would improve the provision between Llanllechid and Abergwyngregyn. • An undertaking from Gwynedd Community Homes that they will demolish Foel Ogwen garages in order to extend the playing area. Continuing to place pressure on them to proceed with the work within the next year. • Representing the electorates regarding planning issues at Abergwyngregyn, Llanllechid and Port Penrhyn. • Conducted regular surgeries with Alun Ffred Jones AM, and Hywel Williams MP, at Abergwyngregyn, Llandygái and Talybont. • Assisted several electorates with issues such as homelessness, fly tipping, felling trees, clearing rivers, bins for dog faeces, play areas and Aber Ogwen cockle beds. 					
<p>Other initiatives and activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ogwen Partnership - Chair of the community company that has brought services back to the Dyffryn Ogwen area. By now the company employs three local people and have opened a community shop in Bethesda - Siop Ogwen - with the cooperation of Neuadd Ogwen. • Ynni Ogwen - Director of the community company that has managed to raise nearly half a million pounds locally to develop a community hydro electric scheme on afon Ogwen. The construction work is about to commence. • Cwmni Adwy - Director and Secretary of this not for profit company that lets property at an affordable rent to local businesses in the former quarry areas of Gwynedd. • Area Pride - I've joined a volunteer group who tidy up and collect litter from around the area and have assisted with hanging baskets on property in Bethesda High Street. • Eryrod Eira - A member of the community group that clears pavements of snow in Dyffryn Ogwen. • Penrhyn Quarry - Member of the Liaison Committee that shares information between the quarry and the community. • Llandygái – Member of Neuadd Talgái Committee. Assisted with Christmas lunch for pensioners in the ward. • Schools – have served on the Governing Body of Ysgol Llandygái during the year. 					
I attended the following Committees:					
COMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS*	PRESENT	LOCAL MEMBER / OBSERVER / SCRUTINY	APOLOGY	ABSENT
Communities Scrutiny Committee	4	0	2	2	0
Joint Planning Policy Committee	2	2	0	0	0
Cabinet	14	13	0	1	0
Council	6	5	0	1	0

Ogwen Area Forum	3	2	0	1	0
Employment Appeals Committee	5	5	0	0	0

* NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING 2015/2016

Percentage of Attendance: 85%

I was absent from the Committees stated due to:

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

Wales Planning Conference, Cardiff
 Gwynedd Challenge Workshops
 Older People's Strategy Session
 Seminar on the Council's Financial Position
 National Grid Information Sessions
 Raising awareness of the Wales Planning Act
 Joint Local Development Plan Seminar
 Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Steering Group
 Inquiry into Section 106 Planning Agreements
 Workshop on the Social Services and Well-being Act
 Planning Consultation - TAN 20

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

Traeth Lafan Management Joint Committee (Chair)
 Mid-Wales Transport Board
 North Wales Transport Board
 Cae Ceffyl Working Group

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

	Date
Corporate	
Leading safely	19 May 2015
Leading Communities through Change	3 July 2015
Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales 2014)	7 July 2015
Effective Chairing Skills	23 September 2015
Planning Bill (Raising awareness of Members and SNPA Members)	5 November 2015
Modern Gov	25 November 2015
Your responsibility for equality	3 December 2015
Information about People: Your Own Responsibility	13 January 2016
The Care Challenge - Preparing for the Act	21 January 2016
Update on the Code of Conduct	23 March 2016
Dementia - Raising Awareness and developing dementia friendly communities	9 May 2016
Additional	
Evaluation Skills (Cabinet)	14 July 2015
Microsoft Office 2010	20 April 2016
Developing the Cabinet Team	25 April 2016

Total number of hours: 35