

ANNUAL REPORT - 2015/16

Councillor: Elin Walker Jones	Group: Plaid Cymru
Ward: 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 for the Glyder ward, Bangor Member of the Services Scrutiny Committee Vice-chair of the Local Joint Consultative Committee Member of the Corporate Parenting Committee (up to January 2016) Member of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Special Educational Needs Joint Committee Member of Hafod Lon Newydd Project Board Member of the Health, Safety and Welfare Panel Gwynedd Council's Autism Champion	
Constituency activities: Dealing with local issues as required, including traffic and road crossing safety; general safety, condition of roads, pavements and walkways; dog faeces, bins, litter, condition of houses and flats, housing and homelessness issues, planning issues, law breaking and drugs, street lighting, drains, telephone, tree felling and hedgerows, street cleansing, fly tipping, advocacy, education and additional learning needs, education locations and transport to those locations, road works, etc. Work jointly with residents, fellow councillors, officers, schools, cabinet members, parliament and the assembly members, Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd, Gwynedd & Anglesey Asperger's/Autism Support Group, North Wales Wildlife Trust and stakeholders in every sector on various matters.	
Other initiatives and activities: Menter Iaith Bangor Board Member. Contribute towards the Initiative's work to ensure Welsh Government funding for a new centre for them in Bangor and a development officer's post. Assisted with the Initiative's activities e.g. St David's Day Parade. Support other activities of Bangor community groups on behalf of the Initiative e.g. Carnival, Christmas activities in Bangor. Main organiser of Ras yr Iaith in Bangor on behalf of the Initiative working jointly with others to realise the first section of the Race in Bangor. CPERA, Maestryfan Community Group and other areas within the Ward Chair of CPERA (Eithinog Residents Association). Working together to ensure that significant work is completed to improve the safety of both schools by improving the condition of the roads and pavements and organise safety measures to control traffic and respond to individual calls. Also, ensured various improvements to the area (e.g. pavements, grass cutting etc.) Litter squads conducted on several occasions in both estates. Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for the ward Working with the Council to improve road safety on Ffordd Penrhos. North Wales Wildlife Trust Spent time with the volunteers of the North Wales Wildlife Trust in order to understand the challenges facing our wildlife reserves. Parkrun Penrhyn Volunteer regularly to ensure the the Parkrun continues to succeed - there are often 150 runners. Walking Bus Organise a Walking Bus during the Walk to School Week. Autism Campaigning to try and ensure that the Council retains Autism funding for this field and work with officers to move the agenda forward. Opened a Derwen Conference to share the team's activities with children and young people with Autism in the county. Respond to the needs of individuals as required.	

Plaid Cymru

Working for Plaid Cymru - Vice-chair of the Bangor Plaid Cymru Branch, attend the annual conference, take part in a discussion panel on Health, member of the Policy Forum, contributed to a number of election campaigns.

Welfare and Additional Needs Work

Visited the hearing needs bus of the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) at Ysgol Tryfan
Meeting with school counsellor to understand his work better and promote the work.
Meetings with welfare teachers in order to get to grips with the importance of well-being in schools.
Respond to the Frondeg consultation and take part in the Forum to develop the new site.

Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP):

Organised street events on behalf of Plaid Cymru to draw public attention to the disadvantages of TTIP
Contributed to a booklet by Jill Evans MEP on TTIP (www.jillevans.net/ttip&chymru.pdf)

Contribute to volunteer work

Contribute to various volunteering activities e.g. Coed Mawr Community Centre Christmas Lunch, selling calendars on behalf of Bangor People Community Group, Team Irfon, Ras yr Iaith.

I attended the following Committees:

COMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS*	PRESENT	APOLOGY	ABSENT
The Council	6	6	0	0
Planning Committee	2	2	0	0
Services Scrutiny Committee	5	5	0	0
Services Scrutiny Committee Preparatory Meeting	5	5	0	0
Ogwen Forum	3	0	3	0

* NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING 2015/2016

Percentage of Attendance: 86%

I was absent from the Committees stated due to:

The committee conflicted with work, not enough notice was given to enable me to make changes

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

Member of Hafod Lon Newydd Project Board, including the Residential Unit Task Group
Scrutiny Investigation - Quality of Welsh Medium Education
Workshops on cuts
Education briefing sessions

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

School Governor of Ysgol y Garnedd (Governor with responsibility for Learning Needs)
Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales Inspection into the Adults field
Tidy Towns environmental show - visit to Ysgol y Garnedd.

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

	Date
Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales 2014)	7 July 2015
Information about people – Your Responsibility	13 January 2016
Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales 2014)	21 January 2016

Total number of hours: 6