

ANNUAL REPORT - 2015/16

Councillor: Mair Rowlands	Group: Plaid Cymru
Ward: Bangor - Menai	
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 representing the Menai Ward in Bangor Lead Cabinet Member for Children and Young People; Leisure; A Healthy Gwynedd; and Youth Services;	
Constituency activities: Supporting and assisting individuals and groups of constituents in a number of causes - I have undertaken a variety of case work in the Ward throughout the year. Problems included: Houses of Multiple Occupancy, empty houses, littering issues, noise, highways and parking problems, potholes, dangerous pavements, planning and licensing. Managed to implement the resurfacing of pavements and roads in the ward. Keep a constant eye on the condition of the constituency by engaging and meeting with residents, officers and portfolio holders to discuss problems. Attend meetings and Licensing Sub-Committee to support residents' opposition to late night opening hours and Planning Committee meetings to support opposition to the over-development houses and flats of multiple occupancy. In regular contact with the Police about law and order in the ward and have walked around the ward on a number of occasions to identify problems. As a member of the Upper Bangor Society, a residents' society that deals with problems or activities in the ward, I attended monthly meetings with residents to listen to their opinions and concerns and inform them of any planning or licensing application or any other event in the ward. Attend meetings between the Students Union Council, the University and housing associations to discuss the end of year campaign to deal with refuse problems, and meetings between the Students Union and the Council to discuss the creation of a recycling app.	
Other initiatives and activities: Member of Bangor City Council Member of the Upper Bangor Society Chair of the Plaid Cymru Bangor Branch Attended Bangor Cycling meetings Attended Tyfu meetings to help with the work of trying to get allotments for Upper Bangor Attended Bangor Community Group meetings Assisted with the Christmas Celebrations and Carnival at Bangor Meetings with the Project Officer for Bangor City Council to discuss various projects and possible opportunities Part of the Penrhyn parkrun team of volunteers, north Wales' first parkrun Director on the Menter Iaith Bangor Board - have assisted with the work of organising the S'mae Day (15 October) in Bangor; set up and organise the Bangor St David's Day Parade and Celebrations; represent Menter Iaith Bangor on occasions at The People of Bangor Community Group (TPOBCG); lots of work this year has been put toward planning and setting up the Bangor Language Centre following receipt of a capital grant from the Welsh Government. School Meals Event on the Summit of Snowdon - 1/6/15 School Sports Awards Ceremony - 9/6/15 Opening of the Flying Start group in Talysarn - 13/6/16 Visit to Alltwen - Putting Her Gwynedd to Work - 22/6/15 Evening to Celebrate the Successes of the Young People of Gwynedd - 12/11/15	

Zoe Roberts Award Ceremony - Youth Justice Service Support Worker - 16/11/15
 Opening of Storiell - 22/2/16
 Opening of the Flying Start Centre at Plas Ffrancon, meeting the Minister Lesley Griffiths AM - 25/2/16
 Opening of the Porthmadog Library at Glaslyn Leisure Centre - 18/3/16

I attended the following Committees:

COMMITTEE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS*	PRESENT	APOLOGY	ABSENT
Central Licensing Sub-committee	1	0	1	0
The Cabinet	14	12	2	0
The Council	6	4	2	0

* NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING 2015/2016
 Percentage of Attendance: 76%

I was absent from the Committees stated due to:
 On 10/12/15 I was the attending Young European Leaders Conference in Edinburgh
 On 18/3/16 I attended the official opening of the Glaslyn Library at the Leisure Centre on behalf of the Cabinet

I participated in the following additional meetings, seminars, investigations and workshops:
 Her Gwynedd Cuts Workshops
 Diversity in Democracy Sub-group.
 Autism Panel
 Estyn's Thematic Review - Education other than at school
 GwE Scrutiny Meeting with Estyn
 Meeting on the Participation of Children and Young People - Welsh Government

I attended the following Committees in my role as the Cabinet Member for Planning:
 Cabinet
 Chaired the Corporate Parent Panel
 Chaired the Strategic Panel for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults
 Chaired the Gwynedd Children, Young People and Family Support Partnership Board
 Chaired the Children, Young People and Education Attainment Panel
 Chaired the Leisure Project Board
 Flying Start Management Board
 Derwen Management Board
 Gwynedd and Anglesey Youth Justice Service Management Board
 Government Leadership Partnership Project - Social Services and Well-being Act

I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies:
 Ysgol Cae Top School (School Governor)
 Friars School (School Governor)
 Bangor University Liaison Group

I represented Gwynedd Council at the following events and meetings:
 The Guardian's - 'Forward Women' - Event - Guest Panellist - 18/11/15, London
 Young European Leaders Conference - 8-10/12/15, Edinburgh (YELAC - Young European Leaders for Active Citizenship).

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

Corporate	Date
Dementia - Raising Awareness and developing dementia friendly communities (2.5 hours)	09-May-2016
Training/session - 'The Cabinet Developmental Programme'	25-April-2016
Disability rights training (2.5 hours)	31-March-2016
Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales 2014) (2.5 hours)	21-January-2016
Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales 2014) (2 hours)	07-July-2015
Safe Leadership (2 hours)	19-May-2015

Total number of hours: 17.5