

Councillor's Annual Report

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2014. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose. The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and not necessarily reflect the views of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

Councillor: Dafydd Rhys Thomas
Group: Independent

Ward: Ynys Gybi

Role & Responsibilities

Between May and December 2013, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	* Attendance Figures (supplied by IOACC)
Appeals (attendance on a rota basis)	2
Audit	4
Council	8
Democratic Services	1
Partnership & Regeneration Scrutiny	2
* The statistics provided are relevant only to the committees listed in this table. The statistics do not include attendance at other meetings related to the work of the Council.	

I am a member of the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust.
I represent the Council on the HNP Project Liaison Group

Constituency Activity

I have been a member of the Isle of Anglesey County Council since May 2013 and it has been a privilege to represent the Ynys Gybi Ward along with my two fellow Councillors, Jeff Evans and Trefor Lloyd Hughes. Since December 2014, I have unfortunately been unable to fulfil my role due to ill-health (although I continue to take an active interest), but hope to return to duty as soon as my recovery allows.

Prior to this, I attended regular meetings of the Trearddur Bay Community Council of which I am a member and Rhoscolyn Community Council and represented the Council on the Governing Body of Ysgol Gymraeg Morswyn. I am also a parent governor at Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern and a member of the Holyhead Joint Burial Board which is responsible for the management of Maeshyfryd Cemetery.

I am always prepared to meet informally with electors to discuss issues of local or personal concern, e.g. planning applications, flooding, highways, water quality and am also available to contact by telephone or e-mail. I refer issues to the appropriate departments in the Council and am grateful to the officers for their help and support and for being prepared at all times to discuss and resolve issues.

I have also taken an active interest in the consultations/public meetings with regard to major planning applications in the area, e.g. Land and Lakes, Wylfa Newydd.

Initiatives & Special Activities

As noted above, I take an active interest in all community issues, e.g.

- Road Safety Issues – provision of a pedestrian crossing in Kingsland
- Reinstatement of the post-box on Lôn Isallt, still ongoing despite protracted discussions with the Post Office
- All planning issues which have an impact on the neighbourhood, referring complainants and applicants alike to the relevant departments
- Water quality issues
- Leisure – particularly the provision of cycle paths

Learning & Development

I have attended the following learning and development initiatives during the past year: (Information supplied by the IOACC)

Introduction to Member Support Service	May 2013
Ethical Framework	May 2013
Welsh Language/Data Protection/Press & Media	May 2013
Register of Interest Training	May 2013
Overview of Scrutiny	June 2013
Introduction to the Audit Committee	July 2013
Conducting a Scrutiny Review	July 2013
Making Social Media Work for Councillors	September 2013
Equalities Awareness Training	September 2013
Personal Development Review Training	October 2013
PRINCE 2 – Board Members Training	December 2013

Other Activities & Issues

I look forward to returning to my duties as soon as possible and thank my fellow Councillors (particularly Jeff and Trefor), officers and the people of Ynys Gybi for their support, good wishes and concern during this time.

Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas

April 2014