

Member's Annual Report 2014/15

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2015. 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

1 - Role & Responsibilities

Between April 2014 and March 2015, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	¹Attendance Figures
Council	7 (64%)
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee	1 (12%)
Democratic Services Committee	3 (60%)
Audit Committee	4 (44%)
Appeals Committee (attendance on a rota basis)	4
Standards Committee	1 (25%)
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.	
Attendance levels may vary due to the nature of work and responsibilities of members - as portfolio holder, committee chair or representing the Council on outside bodies, for example.	

I am a member of the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust (I attended 1 meeting).

I represent the Council on the following outside bodies:	Number of meetings arranged	Number attended
HNP Project Liaison Group	3	1
Community Health Council	1	1

2 - 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 Ynys Gybi Ward along with my two fellow Councillors, Jeff Evans and Trefor Lloyd Hughes. Unfortunately, I was unable to fulfil my role due to ill-health between December 2014 and September 2015 (although I continued to take an active interest) but luckily, I am recovering and enjoying my return to public office.

¹ Attendance figures supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council

Prior to my illness and since my remission, I have attended almost all meetings of the Trearddur Bay Community Council of which I am a member and also attend meetings of the Rhoscolyn Community Council as an observer and local member. I represent the Council on the Governing Body of Ysgol Gymraeg Morswyn and have attended meetings regularly, particularly during the Estyn Inspection. Until September, I was a parent governor at Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern but relinquished the role as my children no longer attend the school. I also represent the Trearddur Bay Community Council on the Holyhead Joint Burial Board which is responsible for the management of the Maeshyfyd Cemetery.

I take an active interest in all aspects of constituency life and am always willing to meet informally with electors to discuss any issues of local or personal concern e.g. planning and highways issues, flooding, housing, amenities etc and am available to contact by telephone or e-mail. I refer issues to the appropriate departments on behalf of the electors in order to instigate dialogue and must thank the officers for their help and support in addressing and resolving these issues.

I have recently been involved in a 'community clean-up' in Trearddur Bay arranged by the Residents Association who are doing an excellent job and giving up their Saturday mornings to improve the appearance of the village by cutting vegetation, disposing of rubbish and planting flowers, shrubs etc. This is an excellent example of what can be achieved when communities come together.

Of course, I am also interested in issues which affect the island as a whole, e.g. the Wylfa Newydd, National Grid and Land and Lakes applications along with social issues such as adult social care and attend any public meetings and briefings.

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

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

- Road Safety Issues – involved in the provision of the pedestrian crossing in Kingsland.
- The reinstatement of the post box on Lôn Isallt. At the time of writing the last annual report, this issue was ongoing but I am pleased to report that the post box has been installed following protracted discussions with the Post Office.
- Leisure – provision of safe cycling routes and the retention of important community amenities such as the football field in Trearddur Bay.
- Planning issues which have an impact on our neighbourhood along with larger applications which will have affect the island as a whole.
- Environmental issues – water quality, fly-tipping etc which impact the area's tourism offer.

- As a former patient, I was invited to become a member of the Ward Alaw Redevelopment Project and am involved in the consultation regarding the extension of the facilities in Ysbyty Gwynedd.
- Member of the North Wales Cancer Forum as a former patient and volunteer. This involves all aspects of patient centred care.
- I participate in the Holyhead Stakeholder Group which covers the economic regeneration of Holyhead under such initiatives as the Viable and Vibrant Places programme
- Actively involved in the discussions regarding the development of an area school for Holyhead as part of the Schools Modernisation programme.

4 - Learning and Development

I have attended the following learning and development initiatives during the past year (information supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council):

Value-added Scrutiny	September 2014
Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014	November 2014
Audit Committee Training	January 2015

5 - Other Activities and Issues

It has, and continues to be a pleasure to serve the people of Ynys Gybi and again, I would like to thank them for their concern during my illness and their support and good wishes during my recovery. Special thanks also to Jeff and Trefor for undertaking duties on my behalf and to all Council members and staff for their kindness. I look forward to representing the Council on the Community Health Council during the next municipal year and continuing to work with and for Ynys Gybi.

Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas	April 2015
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