

Member's Annual Report 2019/2020

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2020. 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 they do not necessarily reflect the views of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

Councillor: Dafydd Rhys Thomas

Party: The Independent Group

Ward: Ynys Gybi

1 - Role & Responsibilities

Between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	Attendance Summary
Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust Committee	Attendance Record
Isle of Anglesey County Council	
Standards Committee	
The Executive	
The above list does not include all 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 am also a member of the Trust's Investment and Contracts Committee – details of my attendance at these meetings are also available on the above link.

I represent the Council on the following outside bodies:

Outside Body	Summary of role and contribution
- Joint Council for Wales	Joint Council for Wales
- School Governor / Morswyn Primary School	
- School Governor / Ysgol Cybi Primary School	Ysgol Cybi
- Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group	Wylfa Newydd Project Liaison Group

2 - Constituency Activity

I am a member of the Executive and am the Corporate Business Portfolio Holder and some of my responsibilities relate to legal matters, the constitution, IT, communication, HR, transformation and modernisation.

It is a challenge and a privilege to be part of the decision making process and to form policies on behalf of Anglesey County Council.

As well as being a member of the Ynys Môn County Council I am also a member of the Trearddur Community Council and attended all their monthly meetings. Although not a member of the Rhoscolyn Community Council I have been regularly attending their meetings as a guest. I represent the County Council on the governing bodies of Ysgol Gybi and Ysgol Gymraeg Morswyn. I am a member of the Horizon Wylfa Newydd stakeholder group and regularly attended those meetings.

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

I take an active interest in all aspects of the constituency life and am always willing to meet formally or informally with the electors to discuss any issues of concern for example littering, waste, dog fouling, planning and highways issues, flooding, rights of way amenities, etc. and am always available to be contacted by phone, by email or face to face. I try to resolve issues myself or referring issues to the appropriate department on behalf of the electors and I am very grateful to the Council Officers for the help and support in addressing and resolving issues.

I am still involved in community clean-ups and applaud the community spirit in particular work done to improve the appearance of the village, cutting vegetation, litter picking, planting, etc. and this is an excellent way to bring the community together to achieve something positive.

I'm very grateful that I was re-elected to represent the Cybi ward in May 2017. It is a great honour for me to represent this very special area and I do my very best to represent the whole area from Rhoscolyn to Mynydd Tŵr.

The area is very geographically varied and has some very prosperous parts but I also represent some of the poorest most deprived communities in Wales.

After my election I was fortunate enough to have been given a post on the cabinet responsible for Corporate matters and this has given me an opportunity to learn how complex the Council is and how the democratic process works.

We as a Council are facing huge challenges in all fields but particularly in Social Services, Children and Adult Services, in Education and are striving to improve educational standards and to bring in reform and introduce 21st-century schools.

There are many other challenges against the background of the greatest of austerity in living memory.

I am of course very interested in the economic development of Ynys Môn and Ynys Gybi.

I recognise the importance of tourism to our economy and issues such as the National Grid pylons, Orthios and developments at the Anglesey Aluminium site, the port of Holyhead, Bluestone and the Morlais development on an off shore.

I have worked with Surfers Against Sewage, the Council and the community to promote the reduction, the re-use and recycling of plastic. I am very proud that Anglesey Council will be the first Authority in the UK to gain the plastic free status.

4 - Learning and Development

Information about the learning and development initiatives I have attended during the past year is available here (information supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council): [Training](#)

5 - Other Activities and Issues

As a cancer patient I am a member of the North Wales Cancer Forum which focuses on patient centred care.

I am also a member of the Alaw Unit Charity funding panel.

I am working with consultants and staff at Ysbyty Gwynedd to improve patient experience and patient safety particularly regarding human factors and safety.

I have also helped develop an app to help cancer patients with their symptoms funded by Tenovus.

We have a very unique land and seascape here on Ynys Gybi and indeed the whole of Ynys Môn and I'm very keen to protect and enhance our environment and I have proposed a motion to the full County Council that Ynys Môn becomes a plastic free county. I am working with Surfers Against Sewage and the community to promote the reduction, reuse and recycling of plastics. It would be great to see Ynys Môn becoming the first 'plastic free' County in Wales.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to represent the people of the Gybi ward and enjoyed the past 12 months immensely and look forward to the future with enthusiasm and optimism, despite the challenges ahead.

I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors, Council Officials, Council workers for their support and help, and of course my fellow Ynys Gybi members Trefor and John Arwel and the people of Cybi ward for their continued support and friendship and emphasise that I am always available to advise and help in any way I can.

More information about me can be found here: [Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas](#)

Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas	July 2020
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