

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: Carwyn Elias Jones Ward: Seiriol

Group: Plaid Cymru

Role & Responsibilities

I am the Shadow Economic Development Portfolio representative for the Plaid Cymru Group.

Between May 2013 and March 2014, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	* Attendance figures (supplied by IOACC)
Appointments	3 (37%)
Council	10 (76%)
Indemnities Sub-Committee	None held
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny	5 (71%)
* 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 attended 3 meetings)

I also sat on the Island of Enterprise Board

Constituency Activity

School Governor at Llanddona and Llandegfan

Here are some of the constituency issues I have dealt with in my first year as County Councillor.

Manorial Rights – Helped many with advice and forms and successfully campaigned to become the first area in UK that successfully convinced the owner of the rights not to contest the UN4s registering the rights on his Manor.

Dropped Curbs - In conjunction with the highways department, we have managed to install over a dozen dropped curbs in Llandegfan which has made a huge difference to a number of residents in their daily life.

Road Surface & Potholes – Pushed for road surface improvements, with significant resurfacing work being carried out in various parts of the ward, including Llanddona, Glyn Garth towards Beaumairs and in Llangoed and alos a number of pot holes filled along various roads.

Bryn Bella Llanddona - Major highways works in which we have been eager to push forward has been the improvements to the Bryn Bella bend in Llanddona, and the completed work not only is very aesthetically pleasing but has also more importantly improved roads safety considerably.

Road Traffic Issues Beaumairs - Working alongside the Highways department we have moved forward to being ready to put down double yellow lines along the affected road and also to move forward the 30 MPH start zone. Both these measures should help improve road safety on entry to Beaumairs.

Bus Issues - I managed to get the bus company to amend some routes to aid residents living in a sheltered accommodation area. I am also very pleased to be able to have set up two new bus stops in Llansadwrn, including the creation of two hard areas to stand while waiting for the bus service.

Weekly Bus Ticket – I pressed the bus company to relook at the decision to withdraw the weekly option and would hopefully be in a position to reintroduce a new version.

Housing - Housing issues have been dealt with on behalf of constituents in terms of care and maintenance and helping with applications for social housing.

Travellers Site – I pressed for a series of recommendations which were passed by the Councils executive, including a need to locate a permanent official site for travellers on the Island.

Llanddona School - One issue which I tried my best on to represent the views of the Llanddona electorate was that of the future of the School an issue which had been going on for years causing uncertainty and the knock-on effect that has on numbers. Unfortunately the decision made by the executive was to close the School.

Blue Badge - A very satisfying task carried out was helping an elderly resident with his application for a blue parking bade.

Llanddona Electricity – helped some residents with a historic intermittent supply issue.

Old Llandegfan and Llandegfan Electricity Problems - Followed intervention I secured a capital investment programme which involves rebuilding 10.34 Km of overhead line sections to remedy the problems identified.

No Sat Nav Llandegfan - Following a problem of a delivery HGV getting stuck for hours on Allt Bryn Mel, Llandegfan a totally unsuitable road for this type of vehicle, in discussion with the Highways we managed to erect 'No Sat Nav' signs at both ends to help avoid such incident again.

Dog Fouling - I have also managed to get a dog fouling waste bin for Llansadwrn.

Community Councils I regularly attend the Cwm Cadnant, Llangoed and Llanddona Community Council meetings around the ward and also attend and report back to the Beaumaris Town Council.

Initiatives & Special Activities

No Cold Calling Zone Llandegfan I have worked closely with the Trading Standards Department to set up Llandegfan as the first whole village in Wales to become a 'No Cold Calling Zone', protecting our most venerable.

No cold Calling Zone Beaumairs - Also working closely with the highly committed and hardworking Trading Standards Department in Llangefni we have set up No Cold Calling Zone' for the Cae Mair Estate in Beaumaris.

Seiriol Community Group - Have been involved in setting up a Seiriol community group. The group we have set up explores the wants and needs of the Seiriol Ward residents and how the future may be shaped.

Grant Applications Llanfaes and Llansadwrn Working alongside residents and Councillor Lewis Davies we completed three applications for grant funding covering a new fence to create a safe children playing area in Llanfaes, a fence and seating area in Llanddona and new fence and picnic area in Llansadwrn kids park. The applications for Llanfaes and Llansadwrn were successful.

Llanfaes Social Enterprise Shop

One of the most exciting developments which I have had the pleasure of helping out alongside Cllr Lewis Davies has been the setting up of a Community shop in Llanfaes and becoming shop committee members. Having worked for a number of years in a previous career in retail management for a major plc, I can categorically state that what has been achieved collectively by the volunteers with help and support has been nothing short of amazing and is something that not only the Seiriol Ward should be proud of, but the whole of Anglesey.

Learning & Development

I have attended a number of training sessions since the election and these have helped with various aspects of the role.

I have attended the following learning and development initiatives during the past year: (Information supplied by the IOACC)		
Introduction to Member Support	May 2013	
Ethical Framework	May 2013	
Welsh Language/Data Protection/Press & Media	May 2013	
Register of Interest Training	May 2013	
Overview of Scrutiny Functions	June 2013	
Corporate Planning Meeting	June 2013	
Scrutinising Performance Data	July 2013	
Making Social Media Work for Councillors	September 2013	
Shadow Executive Training	September 2013	
Session 3 - Shadow	January 2014	

Other Activities & Issues

I have built a good working relationship with my fellow Councillors and more importantly with many hard working officers in Llangefni, where I always endeavour to praise officers for their hard work when due.

It was a great honour to be elected and the past 12 months have been a steep learning curve. The past 12 months have also been enjoyable and the role has given me great satisfaction to have been able to help so many within the Seiriol ward with their issues. I have no regrets for putting myself up for the role as I look forward to the second year with enthusiasm and in the belief that we can make more progress and help more people.

Councillor Carwyn Jones

April 2014