

Member's Annual Report 2017/18

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding his key activities over the year ending 31 March 2018. 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: Carwyn Elias Jones
Group: Plaid Cymru

Ward: Seiriol

1 - Role & Responsibilities

Portfolio Holder Economic Development and Major Projects

Within the portfolio role, I am focused on doing my best for Anglesey in terms of Economic Development, securing the best possible outcomes from major projects such as the new power station and all associated work. The portfolio also includes, Tourism, which is such an important sector to Anglesey, along with Maritime and Leisure.

Between May 2017 and March 2018, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	Number of meetings arranged	Number attended
Council	9	8
The Executive (First meeting on 18.9.17)	9	8
Appointments Committee (left committee on 7/11/17)	2	0
Corporate Scrutiny Committee (last meeting 4.9.17 – to join Executive)	4	2
Democratic Services Committee	4	3
Indemnities sub-committee	0	0

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 may also be dependent on the availability of a Member who is in employment.

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 and attended 3 out of 6 meetings arranged. I had an interest which was deemed as personal and prejudicial interest in a grant application by a youth choir which my son is a member of and for that reason did not attend the 2 meetings arranged of the Charitable Trust Regeneration committee to discuss the applications.

I represent the Council on the following outside bodies:	Number of meetings arranged	Number attended
Governor – Ysgol Gynradd Llandegfan	8	8
Governor – Ysgol David Hughes, Porthaethwy	8	6

2 - Constituency Activity

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

Road Surface & Potholes – This is now becoming increasing hard due to dwindling budgets but pushed for road surface improvements and also a number of pot holes filled along various roads.

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

Clwb Sadwrn

Supporting Clwb Sadwrn, which meets up every first Saturday of the month in the Church room, the recent event 'Llansadwrn through the ages' was fantastic.

Local Events

I try my best to attend and support as many local events as possible that take place across the ward.

A545 Beaumaris

Once again we face landslide problems along this important stretch, funds secured from WG to repair and strengthen sections and money to commission a piece of work to have a long term solution and options on the table to apply for funding.

Extra Care

This was a very difficult situation, whilst everyone welcomed a £12m investment in developing an Extra Care facility for the Seiriol Ward, the location was not an easy choice at all.

Seiriol Schools Consultation

This is a very difficult process which is still ongoing, as a local elected member I have been steadfast in my support to the fantastic local schools in Beaumaris, Llandegfan and Llangoed.

Llansadwrn Play Park

Very pleased to work alongside Cwm Cadnant Community Council to apply and gain grant funding to further improve the play park, with some equipment for the smaller children, this included a play house, and play train with OXO game.

Remembrance Sunday

Proud to attend alongside local Cllrs, to remember and pay respect at Beaumaris St Mary's & St Nicolas Church and Cenotaph Rev Neil Fairlamb, & remembrance Sunday service in Llandegfan village hall Rev Angela Williams.

Llaniestyn cemetery

Extremely pleasing after a huge amount of effort to attend a lovely service by the bishop of Bangor and Rev Fairlamb to consecrate the new cemetery at St. Iestyn Church – June 17

Dog Mess Posters

Working with the Community Council, Ysgol Llandegfan and local PCSO, we set a competition for pupils to create a poster to encourage dog owners to bag and bin the mess. Two posters were chosen and professionally produced for display across Llandegfan and Llansadwrn.

Dwr Cymru

Following severe weather the Dwr Cymru network collapse in the area early March. The response was slow and left many in a dire situation. I scaled this up to the CEO of Dwr Cymru, went on Radio Wales, Radio Cymru and printed press, we also opened Llandegfan School to the public to fill water bottles. The response soon followed, Dwr Cymru arranged water bottles to be supplied, and £75 compensation.

Llandegfan Defibrillator

I fully supported and participated in a campaign run by the community of Llandegfan for win a defibrillator for the village. The completion titled #defibruary was sponsored by the Welsh Ambulance service, and much to our delight, we won.

Ward Defibs

While taking part in the competition I also raised awareness of the defibrillators we currently have within the ward and where to find them, this included Llangoed, Llanddona and Beaumaris.

Llanddona and Beaumaris Horse and Pony Show Chair

I joined the committee to plan the 44th Llanddona and Beaumaris Horse and Pony Show, it was then a great honour to be chosen as the Chari, a huge task following on from Richard Lewis (Bryn Glas), a very special person.

Llandegfan Fun Run

Once again supported the Fun Run and had the honour of starting the race, also managed a personal best of 32:12! The Fun Run raised £8,500 for good causes.

Dead ducks

I was horrified to find whilst out on a bike ride with my children 25 dead ducks dumped at the side of a road between Llansadwrn and Llandegfan. I reported this to the North Wales Rural Crimes team to investigate and raised public awareness.

Social Housing

Delighted to see a project I had put a lot of effort into take fruit, this being 4 new fantastic social houses in Llansadwrn 'Llys Yr Ysgol' and 5 new social houses in Llandegfan 'Stad Hen Ysgol'.

The Bell and Twm Chwarae Teg

Working with the builders of the new social housing in Llansadwrn I negotiated as a community benefit for the old school bell and plaque to remember Thomas Williams aka 'Twm Chwarae Teg' to be permanently on display within a new feature built.

Bryn Tirion Beaumaris

Worked with the housing department to secure near £1m to refurbish the bungalows in Bryn Tirion Beaumaris. The works are taking shape nicely and will make a he difference once complete.

3 - Initiatives and Special Activities

School Governor at Ysgol David Hughes – attended numerous meetings of the full body and finance and personnel subcommittee.

Chair of Governors at Ysgol Llandegfan - attended numerous meetings of the full body and finance and personnel subcommittee.

Pobl Seiriol

Attended Pobl Seiriol meetings to discuss and look at ways of helping the Seiriol Ward in the future. We also were also able to award up to £10,000 for local projects which were presented through each community council, including a defibrillator for Llangoed.

Seiriol Dementia Group

Part of the local Seiriol dementia steering group, which aims to increase awareness, help families and work towards being a dementia friendly area.

4 - Learning and Development

As I am also in employment as a Business Lecturer I am constantly updating my knowledge and updating on current and new legislation.

I have also attended three members briefing sessions at Anglesey Council which provide key information and learning on various aspects of Council business and key services.

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

Briefing Session – Corporate Plan and Code	18/05/2017
Basic Safeguarding	01/06/2017
Member Briefing Sessions (10 out of 12)	May 2017 – March 2018
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5 - Other Activities and Issues

Being re-elected in May was a great honour as I am extremely passionate about the Seiriol Ward and try my best for the area and give the role everything I have.

Doing the role is often tough, challenging and can sometimes be frustrating, however on the other hand the role gives me a huge amount of personal satisfaction and pleasure through being able to help others and our Island.

The main challenge for me personally is balancing the demands of the role with my employment as a Business Studies lecturer and home life where I have 3 young children and a wife.

I will now be approaching the sixth year as an elected member with full commitment and enthusiasm, there are without doubt challenges ahead but we also have opportunities which can make a real difference.

More information about me can be found here:

<http://democracy.anglesey.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=295&LLL=0>

Councillor Carwyn Elias Jones	April 2018
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