

Councillor's Annual Report

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding her 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: Nicola Roberts
Group: Plaid Cymru

Ward: Canolbarth Môn

Role & Responsibilities

I have enjoyed my new role as a councillor since May last year. It has been extremely challenging and a steep learning curve for me. I have enjoyed assisting the public be it from housing queries, waste management, highways, planning or general information requests.

I enjoy representing the public within the Council and making sure that the public have a voice.

Between May 2013 and March 2014, I sat on the following main committees / sub-committees:	* Attendance figures (supplied by IOACC)
Council	11 (84%)
Licensing	1 (100%)
Joint Planning Policy	1 (50%)
Planning and Orders	10 (100%)
* 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 4 meetings).

I also sat on the Integrated Delivery Board (Health)

Constituency Activity

I am a school governor at Talwrn School and Ysgol y Graig in Llangefni. I am also a town councillor in Llangefni and try to remain active in my community.

During the year, constituents were able to contact me via telephone calls, letters, emails, inboxes on facebook and twitter. This has made it easier for my constituents of all ages to contact me and engage in local issues.

I attended meetings of Llangefni Town Council, Gwalchmai Community Council, Bodffordd Community Council, Llanddyfnan Community Council and Bryngwran Community Council as often as I could in order to help and represent the local community.

I meet and am in contact regularly with local organisations like Mon community first, Llangefni social enterprise etc.

I recently managed to gain funding from a local developer in order to give free Christmas hampers and toys through Mon communities first to people who were struggling during last Christmas. This of course with the support of local businesses in Llangefni or it wouldn't have been possible.

I have held a local surgery in my town, again in order to remain contactable to my constituents.

I keep a close contact with my political party especially the local AM in order to be fully informed on local and national challenges facing us.

Initiatives & Special Activities

I have assisted in many local activities meeting with my constituents and have sought to maximise funding opportunities to support local initiatives.

I have assisted in Bryngwran community to raise awareness of a dog fouling problem by getting a local company to sponsor information leaflets to be dispensed locally raising the importance of cleaning up after your dog and the dangers involved if you don't. I hope to carry on with this to other communities as it is a widespread problem.

I have assisted a local group on various clean-ups they have had by liaising with them and the waste management service to complete the tasks which have been extremely impressive and hope to carry assisting the group and the great work they do.

Learning & Development

I have attended various training sessions, all have been extremely interesting and will hopefully help me meet my full potential as a councillor.

I have attended the following learning and development opportunities during the past year (information supplied by 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
Planning Committee Training	June 2013
Corporate Planning Meeting	June 2013
General Chairing Skills Workshop	June 2013
Making More of a Difference in Scrutiny	June 2013
Licensing Committee Training	July 2013
Conducting a Scrutiny Review	July 2013
Planning Seminar – Planning Committee	September 2013
Making Social Media Work for Councillors	September 2013
Shadow Executive Training	September 2013
Personal Development Review Training	October 2013
PINS Training	November 2013
General Presentation to Planning	December 2013

Other Activities & Issues

I have been actively involved in my communities and keeping contact with my constituents. I have sought to maximise opportunities to support communities in my ward. I have also continued to use social media to engage with local constituents in order to raise public awareness of Council business. In addition, I have sought to be a strong voice representing the views of the electorate in the Council and remain a strong advocate for the public in an honest and transparent way.

Councillor Nicola Roberts

April 2014