Powys County Council
Councillor's Annual Report

This report gives details of the Councillor's key activities over the year ending 13th May 2014. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

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Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

I served on these Powys County Council committees [actual attendance/number of meetings held] and working groups:
Powys County Council – 9/10
People Scrutiny Committee – 3/4

- Adult Social Care Working Group
- Regeneration Working Group

Democratic Services Committee 3/4

- Constitution Working Group

Montgomeryshire – 11/11

- Montgomeryshire Shire Working Party

I served on the following outside organisations:
Theatr Hafren Board of Management
Maldwyn Leisure Centre Board of Management
Newtown High School Board of Governors as an Local Education Authority [LEA] Governor
Ysgol Cedewain Board of Governors as an LEA Governor

Section 2: Constituency activity

In addition to meetings and activities of the organisations and committees listed above, I have also attended meetings of:

Northside Residents Association
Northside Community Hall committee.
Newtown Town Council (representing Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn North Ward) and the Town Council Regeneration Committee

- I have held surgeries in my ward, delivered Focus newsletters to households, attended Police Community Support Officer [PCSO] surgeries to raise local issues and attended consultations that have affected my ward and its residents.

- I have been involved in the preparation and execution of Newtown Food Festival, taken part in a litter pick from Newtown to Penarth Nature Reserve and assisted in the redevelopment of the Cross Building housing the Robert Owen Museum, Reading Room and Town Council.

- I liaised with Council officers regarding the rollout of LED lighting across the ward to

ensure good coverage, requested and saw the installation of four new mixed waste bins, requested and saw a bad drainage problem fixed in Cambrian Gardens, and ensured the recycling rollout in Llanllwchaiarn went smoothly.

- Following concerns raised by residents and liaising with Highways and the police, a series of improvements have been made between Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn in order to reduce traffic speeds, including Slow/Araf warnings, additional roundels, edge of carriageway markings and the carriageway edge built up to enhance safety. Markings have also been refreshed along Cambrian Way to improve visibility.

- I have been working very closely with Council officers, Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Town Council and local residents to ensure that two areas of land allocated to recreation can be transferred from a receiver to the Town Council so that funding can be raised to site play equipment on them and maintain it into the future.

- I undertook a range of casework on behalf of residents relating to housing, benefits, local environment, transport, planning and other issues.

Section 3: Learning & Development

Violence and aggression and personal safety register; Treasury Management; Safeguarding and Child Protection Foundation level 1; Financial Planning & Budgeting; Sustainable Standards Day; Regeneration and the Powys Economy; Adult Social Care; Adult and Child Protection; Powys Youth Forum; Services and budget challenges seminar

I undertook Governor training on Understanding Schools Data.

Section 4: Outside organisations and other activities

Robert Owen Memorial Museum Management Committee
Newtown and District Dial-a-Ride

I was selected for the Next Generation programme for County Councillors run by the Local Government Association and the Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors, which involved several residential weekends and the completion of tasks outside these dates.

Cyngor Sir Powys
Adroddiad Blynyddol y Cynghorydd

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn rhoi manylion am weithgareddau allweddol y Cynghorydd yn ystod y flwyddyn yn diweddu 13 Mai, 2014. Fe'i darperir er gwybodaeth i'r holl etholwyr ac nid at unrhyw ddiben arall.

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Grwp: Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru	**Dyddiad:** Medi 2014

Adran 1: Rôl a Chyfrifoldebau

Gwasanaethais ar y pwyllgorau a'r gweithgorau hyn o Gyngor Sir Powys [presenoldeb gwirioneddol / nifer y cyfarfodydd a gynhaliwyd]:
Cyngor Sir Powys - 9/10
Pwyllgor Craffu Pobl - 3/4

- Gweithgor Gofal Cymdeithasol i Oedolion
- Gweithgor Adfywio

Pwyllgor Gwasanaethau Democrataidd 3/4

- Gweithgor y Cyfansoddiad

Sir Drefaldwyn – 11/11

- Gweithgor Ardal Sir Drefaldwyn

Gwasanaethais ar y cyrff allanol hyn:
Bwrdd Rheoli Theatr Hafren
Bwrdd Rheoli Canolfan Hamdden Maldwyn
Bwrdd Llywodraethwyr Ysgol Uwchradd Y Drenewydd fel Llywodraethwr yr Awdurdod Addysg Lleol [AALl]
Bwrdd Llywodraethwyr Ysgol Cedewain fel Llywodraethwyr AALl

Adran 2: Gweithgaredd yr etholaeth

Yn ogystal â chyfarfodydd a gweithgareddau'r sefydliadau a'r pwyllgorau a restrir uchod, rwyf hefyd wedi mynychu cyfarfodydd:

Cymdeithas Trigolion Northside
Pwyllgor Neuadd Gymunedol Northside.
Cyngor Tref Y Drenewydd (yn cynrychioli'r Drenewydd a Ward Gogledd Llanllwchaearn) a Phwyllgor Adfywio Cyngor y Dref

- Rwyf wedi cynnal cymorthfeydd yn fy ward, wedi dosbarthu cylchlythyrau Ffocws i gartrefi, wedi mynychu cymorthfeydd Swyddog Cymorth Cymunedol yr Heddlu [PCSO] i drafod materion lleol ac wedi mynychu ymgynghoriadau sydd wedi effeithio ar fy ward a'i thrigolion.

- Rwyf wedi bod yn gysylltiedig â pharatoi a gweithredu Gŵyl Fwyd Y Drenewydd, wedi cymryd rhan mewn ymgyrch i gasglu sbwriel o'r Drenewydd i Warchodfa Natur

Penarth ac wedi cynorthwyo gyda'r gwaith o ailddatblygu'r Adeilad ar y Groes lle lleolir Amgueddfa Robert Owen, yr Ystafell Ddarllen a Chyngor y Dref.

- Cysylltais â swyddogion y Cyngor ynghylch y broses o gyflwyno goleuadau LED ar draws y ward i oleuo'r lle yn well, gofynnais am osod pedwar bin gwastraff cymysg newydd a gwnaed hyn. Gwelais broblem ddrwg gyda draenio a gofynnais am iddi gael ei datrys yn Cambrian Gardens, a gofalais fod cyflwyno'r cynllun ailgylchu yn Llanllwchaearn wedi mynd yn esmwyth.

- Yn dilyn pryderon a godwyd gan drigolion ac wrth gysylltu â'r Adran Priffyrdd a'r heddlu, gwnaed cyfres o welliannau rhwng y Drenewydd a Llanllwchaearn er mwyn lleihau cyflymder y traffig, gan gynnwys gosod rhybuddion Araf / Slow, marciau cylchol ('roundels') ychwanegol, marciau ar ymyl y gerbydlon a chryfhau ymyl y ffordd i wella diogelwch. Gosodwyd marciau newydd hefyd ar hyd Cambrian Way er mwyn gwella gwelededd.

- Rwyf wedi bod yn gweithio'n agos iawn gyda swyddogion y Cyngor, Cyngor Tref Y Drenewydd a Llanllwchaearn a thrigolion lleol er mwyn sicrhau y gallai dwy ardal o dir a ddyrannwyd ar gyfer hamdden gael eu trosglwyddo o ddwylo derbynnydd i Gyngor y Dref fel y gellir codi arian i osod offer chwarae arnynt a'u cynnal yn y dyfodol.

- Rwyf wedi cyflawni ystod o waith achos ar ran y trigolion ynghylch tai, budd-daliadau, yr amgylchedd lleol, trafnidiaeth, cynllunio a materion eraill.

Adran 3: Dysgu a Datblygu

Cofrestr trais ac ymddygiad ymosodol a diogelwch personol; Rheoli'r Trysorlys; Diogelu ac Amddiffyn Plant Sylfaenol Lefel 1; Cynllunio Ariannol a Chyllidebu; Diwrnod Safonau Cynaliadwy; Adfywio ac Economi Powys; Gofal Cymdeithasol i Oedolion; Amddiffyn Oedolion a Phlant; Fforwm Ieuenctid Powys; Seminar am heriau i wasanaethau a heriau i'r gyllideb

Ymgymerais â Hyfforddiant i Lywodraethwyr ar Ddeall Data Ysgolion.

Adran 4: Sefydliadau allanol a gweithgareddau eraill

Pwyllgor Rheoli Amgueddfa Goffa Robert Owen
Deialu Reid Y Drenewydd a'r Cylch

Cefais fy newis ar gyfer rhaglen Y Genhedlaeth Nesaf ar gyfer Cynghorwyr Sir sy'n cael ei rhedeg gan y Gymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol a Chymdeithas Cynghorwyr y Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol, a oedd yn cynnwys nifer o benwythnosau preswyl a chwblhau tasgau y tu allan i'r dyddiadau hyn.