



Powys County Council Councillor's Annual Report

This report gives details of the Councillor's key activities over the year ending 10th May, 2016. 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 [from August 2015] – 3/5

People Scrutiny Committee [from November 2015] – 1/2

- Adult Social Care Scrutiny Group
- Joint Adult Social Care & Children's Scrutiny Group

Radnorshire – 2/3

I served on the following outside organisations:

None

Section 2: Constituency activity

The issue that dominated the 2015/16 year locally was the debate over the future of Gwernyfed High School and Community Sports Centre. Much of my time as one of the local county councillors was spent attending meetings and debating the issue, both locally and in County Hall. At the end of the 2015/16 year the future of the school looked to be very uncertain. I am delighted to say that since then the situation has become more stable and the future of the school and sports centre more secure.

Other ward work since my election back on to the County Council in August 2015 has involved a number of complex planning matters. For example, I chaired two public meetings in Clyro about one such issue in that village, while a controversial quarrying matter elsewhere in the ward also required my close attention as the local member.

After my election I noticed that a number of street lights across the ward that should have been on were not working, including two that should have been illuminating the very busy B4351/A438 junction in Clyro and one covering the car park and recycling site outside the Village Hall in Painscastle. At my request, these and others were quickly restored to working order by Powys County Council's excellent street lighting team, who also installed LED bulbs in many of the lights across the ward, reducing energy use while improving public safety.

Refuse and recycling collections have been matters that have needed my regular attention. As well as sorting out a number of non-collection problems in different parts of the ward, I managed to get roadside collections extended to several houses in a remote part of the ward that had never previously received them.

The winter of 2015/16 was particularly wet and the prompt response I received from the

Council's Highways staff to my requests for help in clearing ditches and repairing roads in the ward was much-appreciated. Operating in difficult circumstances and with tight budgets they did a lot of good work and made a real difference.

Poor or non-existent mobile 'phone signal and broadband coverage remained problematic throughout the year right across the ward. Much work needs to be done, although I was pleased to hear that actions to improve this very unsatisfactory situation will happen in the near future.

Section 3: Learning & Development -

Induction session; Code of Conduct; Powys teaching Health Board Seminar 1 - Integrated Medium Term Plan [3 year plan]; Budget seminar No. 3; Resilience training;

Section 4: Outside organisations and other activities

No appointments to outside organisations.



Powys County Council Adroddiad Blynyddol y Cynghorydd

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn rhoi manylion am weithgareddau allweddol y Cynghorydd dros y flwyddyn a ddaeth i ben 10 Mai, 2016. Fe'i darperir er gwybodaeth i holl drigolion Powys ac nid at unrhyw ddiben arall.

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Ward: Y Clas-ar-Wy	Ffôn Symudol:
Ardal: Sir Faesyfed	E-bost: cldr.james.gibson-watt@powys.gov.uk
Grŵp: Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru	Dyddiad: Medi 2016

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 [o fis Awst 2015] – 3/5

Pwyllgor Craffu Pobl [o fis Tachwedd 2015] – 1/2

- Grŵp Craffu Gofal Cymdeithasol i Oedolion
- Grŵp Craffu Plant a Gofal Cymdeithasol i Oedolion ar y Cyd

Sir Faesyfed – 2/3

Gwasanaethais ar y cyrff allanol hyn:

Dim

Adran 2: Gweithgaredd o fewn yr Etholaeth

Y pwnc a fu'n dominyddu'n lleol yn 2015/16 oedd y drafodaeth dros ddyfodol Ysgol Uwchradd Gwernyfed a'r Ganolfan Chwaraeon Gymunedol. Treuliyd llawer o'm hamser fel y cynghorydd sir lleol yn mynychu cyfarfodydd ac yn trafod y mater, yn lleol ac yn Neuadd y Sir. Ar ddiwedd blwyddyn 2015/16, roedd dyfodol yr ysgol yn edrych yn ansicr iawn. Mae'n rhoi pleser mawr i mi gael dweud fod y sefyllfa wedi dod yn fwy sefydlog ers hynny a bod dyfodol yr ysgol a'r ganolfan hamdden yn fwy sicr.

Mae gwaith arall o fewn y ward ers fy ethol yn ôl i'r Cyngor Sir ym mis Awst 2015 wedi cynnwys nifer o faterion cynllunio cymhleth. Er enghraifft, rwyf wedi cadeirio dau gyfarfod cyhoeddus yng Nghleirwy am un mater o'r fath yn y pentref hwnnw, tra bo mater dadleuol yn ymwneud â chwarela mewn man arall yn y ward wedi gofyn am sylw penodol gennyf i fel yr aelod lleol.

Wedi fy etholiad, rwyf wedi sylwi fod nifer o oleuadau stryd y dylai fod ymlaen ddim yn gweithio, gan gynnwys dau olau a ddylai fod yn goleuo cyffordd brysur iawn y B4351/A438 yng Nghleirwy ac un sy'n gwasanaethu'r maes parcio a'r safle ailgylchu y tu allan i'r Neuadd Bentref yng Nghastell-paen. Ar fy nghais, cafodd y goleuadau hyn ac eraill eu hadfer fel eu bod yn gweithio gan dîm goleuadau stryd rhagorol Cyngor Sir Powys, a osododd fylbiau LED mewn nifer o oleuadau ar draws y ward, gan ostwng y defnydd o ynni'n tra'n gwella diogelwch y cyhoedd.

Mae casgliadau sbwriel ac ailgylchu wedi bod yn faterion sydd wedi angen fy sylw yn rheolaidd. Ynghyd â datrys nifer o broblemau nad yw'n ymwneud â chasgliadau mewn gwahanol rannau o'r ward, rwyf wedi llwyddo i estyn casgliadau o fin y ffordd i sawl tŷ

mewn rhan anghysbell o'r ward nad oedd byth wedi derbyn y casgliadau yn flaenorol.

Roedd gaeaf 2015/16 yn un arbennig o wlyb ac roedd yr ymateb prydlon a dderbynais gan staff Priffyrdd y Cyngor i'm ceisiadau am help wrth glirio ffosydd ac atgyweirio ffyrdd yn y ward wedi cael ei werthfawrogi'n fawr. Gan weithredu dan amgylchiadau anodd ac o fewn cyllidebau tynn, fe wnaethant lawer o waith da gan wneud gwahaniaeth go iawn.

Mae'r signal ffonau symudol a'r gwasanaeth band eang gwael neu heb fod yna wedi parhau i fod yn broblem trwy gydol y flwyddyn ar draws y ward. Mae angen gwneud llawer o waith, er fy mod yn falch o glywed y bydd camau gweithredu i wella'r sefyllfa anfodhaol iawn yn digwydd yn y dyfodol agos.

Adran 3: Dysgu a Datblygu

Sesiwn Cynefino; Cod Ymddygiad; Seminar 1 Bwrdd Iechyd addysgu Powys - Cynllun Integredig Tymor Canolig [cynllun 3 blynedd]; Seminar y Gyllideb Rhif 3; Hyfforddiant gwytnwch;

Adran 4: Sefydliadau allanol a gweithgareddau eraill

Dim penodiadau ar gyrff allanol