Powys County Council
Councillor's Annual Report

This report gives details of the Councillor's key activities over the year ending 12th May 2015. 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 – 6/7
Environment, Infrastructure and Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee – 2/4

- Dog fouling working group
- Civil enforcement working group

People Scrutiny Committee (Vice Chair) – 4/4

- As Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Committee I was on all of the sub committees
- Adult Social Care Working Group
- Corporate Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee [Chair]

Brecknockshire – 6/7

I served on the following outside organisations:
Brecon Leisure Centre Consultative Committee – Vice Chairman
Local Education Authority Governor at Priory Church School in Wales
Brecon Beacons National Park Authority/Powys County Council Joint Liaison Committee
Brecknock Museum & Arts Gallery Committee
Affordable Housing Partnership [reserve]

Section 2: Constituency activity

I have remained an active Councillor during the past year working hard for people across St John Ward and Brecon. I have continued to hold fortnightly advice surgeries for residents to meet with me as well as weekly street surgeries across St John Ward.

I hosted an older people's event earlier in the year with the Deputy Older People's Commissioner for Wales. The event was attended by people from across St John Ward and organisations like Dyfed-Powys Police, PRIME Cymru, Care and Repair, Wales and West, Social Services and Brecon's Dementia Friends also attended.

Throughout the past year, I have continued to deliver my *Local Voice* Newsletter to every house four times a year to help keep constituents up to date with my work as their local Councillor.

I worked very closely with the Town Council to help save Brecon's public toilets from closure by helping to develop a costed plan with Brecon's Town Council. I have also worked with the police to help secure a new CCTV system for the town.

I have continued to manage a very busy caseload, representing local people and working

hard to resolve their issues. I have worked with community organisations across the town to help improve the lives of St John Ward residents.

I have made regular contributions to meetings and debates at County Hall. I spoke and voted against the Council's budget, drawing particular attention to the impact of the proposals on the people I represent. I was able to stop a cut in funding for support services for victims of domestic violence.

I have campaigned against the Council's changes to Domiciliary Care Services and represented numerous constituents who have experienced poor service and failings caused by the Council's decision to externalise the service.

I have campaigned for improvements to Brecon's Market and handed a petition into the Council along with a letter signed by the traders that called on Powys Council to take action to clean the Market up, improve signage and engage with stall holders and traders.

I have continued to fight for speed calming measures on Cradoc Road. I regularly take Council staff around St John Ward to identify issues that need intervention.

Despite reductions in spending, I have been able to secure a number of improvements across St John Ward and I have been working with the Council, residents and community groups to identify issues.

I have regularly asked questions of the Council's Cabinet, scrutinising their decisions and the impact on my community.

Section 3: Learning & Development

Future services delivery management Seminar 2; Future services delivery management Seminar 3; Local Education Governors budget seminar; Housing Revenue Account subsidy; Speed reading; Adult and Child Protection; Joint Working – Powys Teaching Health Board and Powys County Council.

Section 4: Outside organisations and other activities

Local Authority Member of Powys teaching Health Board since December 2014
Neath and Port Talbot [NPT] College Group: Brecon Beacons Campus Senate

Cyngor Sir Powys
Adroddiad Blynyddol y Cynghorydd

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn rhoi manylion am weithgareddau allweddol y Cynghorydd dros y flwyddyn a ddaeth i ben 12 Mai, 2015. Fe'i darperir er gwybodaeth i'r holl etholwyr ac nid at unrhyw ddiben arall.

Cynghorydd: Matthew J. Dorrance	**Ffôn:** 01874 611980
Ward: Sant Ioan	**Ffôn symudol:** 07507 597503
Ardal: Sir Frycheiniog	**E-bost:** cllr.matthew.dorrance@powys.gov.uk
Grŵp: Llafur Cymru	**Dyddiad:** Medi, 2015

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 - 6/7
Pwyllgor Craffu'r Amgylchedd,Seilwaith a Throsedd ac Anhrefn - 2/4

- Gweithgor Cŵn yn Baeddu
- Gweithgor Gorfodi Sifil

Pwyllgor Craffu Pobl (Is-gadeirydd) – 4/4

- Fel Is-gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Craffu, roeddwn ar bob un o’r Is-bwyllgorau
- Gweithgor Gofal Cymdeithasol i Oedolion
- Is-bwyllgor craffu Gwasanaethau Corfforaethol (Cadeirydd)

Sir Frycheiniog – 6/7

Gwasanaethais ar y cyrff allanol hyn:
Pwyllgor Ymgynghorol Canolfan Hamdden Aberhonddu – Is-gadeirydd
Llywodraethwr yr Awdurdod Addysg Lleol yn Ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Priordy
Cyd-bwyllgor Cyswllt Cyngor Sir Powys/Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog
Partneriaeth Tai Fforddiadwy (wrth gefn)

Adran 2: Gweithgaredd yr etholaeth

Rwy wedi parhau i fod yn Gynghorydd gweithgar dros y flwyddyn ddiwethaf yn gweithio’n galed ar ran pobl Ward Sant Ioan ac Aberhonddu. Rwy wedi parhau i gynnal cymorthfeydd cyngor bob pythefnos i drigolion yn ogystal â chymorthfeydd stryd bob wythnos ar draws Ward Sant Ioan.

Trefnais i ddigwyddiad i bobl hŷn ar ddechrau’r flwyddyn gyda’r Dirprwy Gomisiynydd Pobl Hŷn Cymru. Daeth pobl o ar draws Ward Sant Ioan a mudiadau megis Heddlu Dyfed-Powys, PRIME Cymru, Gofal a Thrwsio, Cymru a’r Gorllewin, Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a Chyfeillion Dementia Aberhonddu.

Trwy gydol y flwyddyn rwy wedi parhau i ddosbarthu cylchlythyr “Local Voice” i bob tŷ bedair gwaith y flwyddyn i ddiweddaru trigolion gyda’m gwaith fel eu Cynghorydd lleol.

Gweithiais i'n galed iawn gyda Chyngor y Dref i helpu i achub toiledau cyhoeddus Aberhonddu rhag cael eu cau trwy helpu i ddatblygu cynllun gyda Chyngor y Dref. Rwy hefyd wedi gweithio gyda'r heddlu i helpu i sicrhau system CCTV newydd i'r dref. Rwy wedi parhau i reoli llwyth achosion prysur iawn, gan gynrychioli pobl leol a gweithio'n galed i ddatrys eu problemau. Rwy wedi gweithio gyda mudiadau cymunedol ar draws y dref i helpu i wella bywydau trigolion Ward Sant Ioan. Rwy'n cyfrannu'n rheolaidd at y cyfarfodydd a'r dadleuon yn Neuadd y Sir. Siaradais a phleidleisio yn erbyn cyllideb y Cyngor, gan dynnu sylw arbennig at effaith y cynigion ar y bobl rwy'n eu cynrychioli. Llwyddais i stopio torri'r nawdd am wasanaethau cymorth i'r rhai sydd wedi dioddef trais yn y cartref. Rwy wedi ymgyrchu yn erbyn newidiadau i Wasanaethau Gofal yn y Cartref a chynrychioli nifer o etholwyr sydd wedi derbyn gwasanaeth gwael a methiannau a achoswyd gan benderfyniad y Cyngor i allanoli'r gwasanaeth. Rwy wedi ymgyrchu am welliannau i Farchnad Aberhonddu gan gyflwyno deiseb i'r Cyngor gyda llythyr gan y masnachwyr sy'n galw ar Gyngor Sir Powys i dacluso'r farchnad, gwella arwyddion a gweithio'n agosach gyda stondinwyr a masnachwyr. Rwy wedi parhau i frwydro am fesurau arafu traffig ar Heol Cradoc. Rwy'n aml yn arwain staff y Cyngor o amgylch Ward Sant Ioan i sôn am broblemau sydd angen sylw. Er y cwtogiadau mewn gwariant, rwy wedi gallu sicrhau nifer o welliannau ar draws Ward Sant Ioan ac rwy wedi bod yn gweithio gyda'r Cyngor, trigolion a grwpiau cymunedol i nodi unrhyw bryderon. Rwy wedi cyflwyno cwestiynau rheolaidd i Gabinet y Cyngor, wedi craffu ar eu penderfyniadau a'u heffaith ar fy nghymuned.
Adran 3: Dysgu a Datblygu Seminar 2 rheoli sut mae cyflwyno gwasanaethau yn y dyfodol; Seminar 3 rheoli sut mae cyflwyno gwasanaethau yn y dyfodol; Seminar cyllideb i Lywodraethwyr Addysg Lleol; Cymhorthdal Cyfrif Refeniw Tai; Darllen yn gyflym; Diogelu Plant ac Oedolion; Cyd-weithio – Bwrdd Iechyd addysgu Powys a Chyngor Sir Powys.
Adran 4: Sefydliadau allanol a gweithgareddau eraill Aelod Awdurdod Lleol o Fwrdd Iechyd addysgu Powys ers Rhagfyr 2014; Grŵp Coleg Castell nedd a Phort Talbot; Senedd Campws Bannau Brycheiniog.