Powys County Council
Councillor's Annual Report

This report gives details of the Councillor's key activities over the year ending 15th May 2013. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

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Group: Welsh Labour	**Date:** September 2013

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

I served on these Powys County Council Committees [actual attendance/number of meetings held] and Working Groups:
Powys County Council - 8/9
Audit Committee - 4/4

- Internal Audit Working Group

Licensing Act 2003 Committee – 3/4
Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee – 20/24
Brecknockshire – 7/7
TAN8 Working Group

I served on the following outside organisations:
Local Education Authority representative appointed Governor for
Ysgol Maesydderwen, Ystradgynlais Ysgol Y Cribarth, Abercraf
Brecon Beacons National Park Authority [BBNPA] /Powys County Council Joint Liaison Committee
Nant Helen Opencast Liaison Committee.
Ystradgynlais Sports Centre Management Committee

Section 2: Constituency activity

Surgery Sessions - I held monthly advice surgeries at the Community Halls in Ystradfellte, Pontneddfechan and Coelbren (when the Ynys-wen Hall re-opens surgeries will be scheduled there.
Youth Community - I have supported the setting up of a Youth Committee in Coelbren with the co-operation of the Memorial Hall Committee.
Water (Flooding) Issues (Caehopkin) - I have been in discussions with officers of Powys County Council and Environment Agency Wales to implement a solution to the water problem in Caehopkin village.
Subsidence (Lon Hill) - I have kept in close contact with officers of the Authority to ensure repair work will commence after investigations to the road at Lon Hill Caehopkin after the subsidence.
Ynys-wen Hall (Hall) - I am in the process of trying to form an action group to proceed with activities which should lead to the eventual re-opening of the Hall at Ynys-wen and repair of the playing field.

Penycae (Land Acquisition) -I made representations to Powys Property Dept. on behalf of residents of Pen-y-cae to acquire a small piece of land through an 'Expression of Interest' to hopefully allow the re-location of existing play facilities.
Local Concerns - through direct contact and advice surgeries I have been able to feedback concerns for residents on all sorts of matters ranging from housing repairs, street lighting, dangerous trees, public/school transport, drainage issues, footpath matters, road re-surfacing and Youth/recreational activities. We have been successful in getting most of these resolved.
Business Visits - During the summer of 2012 I was accompanied by Joyce Watson AM and we visited a range of businesses in the Ward.
Public Transport - I have communicated concerns to the Authority over the poor public transport facilities in the Ward. Public meetings were also arranged.
Ystradgynlais Hospital - Meetings have been attended with management at Ystradgynlais Hospital with lengthy discussions around the availability of the Minor Injuries Unit and the future direction of healthcare at the hospital.
Village Walkabouts - I have conducted village 'walkabouts' with relevant officers of the Authority and future remedial action where needed has been discussed.
Contact Me: Please contact me if you have any issues you would like to discuss with me (contact details above).

Section 3: Learning & Development - after the elections in May 2012 induction sessions were provided during May and June to ensure that Councillors could undertake their roles. Ongoing monthly development is provided.

Induction sessions – Induction 1& 3; Code of Conduct; Regulatory Committee – planning, windfarms, rights of way, taxi licensing; Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act; Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting; Planning Protocol; Audit Committee; Welsh Local Government Association Scrutiny induction

Ongoing development - Treasury Management, Information handling and data protection, Welsh Housing Standards, Alternative management and delivery of leisure services; Estyn update; Performance and project management; Adult Social Care; Members' Annual reports and using Outlook; Powys Change Plan; Making social media work for councillors.

Governor Training: I also attend a large number of school governor training events. The role of school governor is becoming evermore demanding both in terms of time commitments and expert knowledge. I have received specific governor training in relation to induction, complaints and disciplinary procedures. Training is on-going.

Section 4: Outside organisations and other activities
I have also undertaken the following:

- regularly attended meetings of both the Ystradfellte and Tawe Uchaf Community Councils.
- took up an invitation to visit the Ystradfellte Young Farmers Group.
- spoke to the Pontneddfechan Senior Citizens Group, Coelbren Senior Citizens and Pen-y-cae/Abercraf Senior Citizen Group.
- attended meetings called to discuss illegal substance abuse in Ystradgynlais.
- had regular contact with police officers and they often attend my advice surgeries.
- attended meetings of the Ystradgynlais Access Group.

Cyngor Sir Powys
Adroddiad Blynyddol Cynghorydd

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn nodi manylion gweithgareddau allweddol y Cynghorydd dros y flwyddyn yn diweddu 15fed Mai 2013. Darperir yr adroddiad er gwybodaeth etholwyr ac nid at unrhyw ddiben arall.

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Grŵp: Llafur Cymru	**Dyddiad:** Medi 2013

Adran 1: Rôl a Chyfrifoldebau

Rwyf wedi gwasanaethu ar y Pwyllgorau a Gweithgorau isod o fewn strwythur Cyngor Sir Powys [presenoldeb gwirioneddol/nifer o gyfarfodydd a gynhaliwyd]:
Cyngor Sir Powys - 8/9
Pwyllgor Archwilio - 4/4

- Gweithgor Archwilio Mewnol

Pwyllgor Deddf Trwyddedu 2003 – 3/4
Pwyllgor Cynllunio, Trwyddedu Tacsis a Hawliau Tramwy – 20/24
Sir Frycheiniog – 7/7
Gweithgor TAN8

Rwyf wedi gwasanaethu ar y sefydliadau allanol canlynol:
Llywodraethwr yr Awdurdod Addysg Leol yr Ysgolion canlynol:
Maesydderwen, Ystradgynlais Ysgol Y Cribarth, Abercraf
Cyd Bwyllgor Cyswllt Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog/Cyngor Sir Powys
Pwyllgor Cyswllt Glo Brig Nant Helen
Pwyllgor Rheoli Canolfan Chwaraeon Ystradgynlais

Adran 2: Gweithgaredd o fewn yr Etholaeth

Cymorthfeydd - Cynhaliais gymorthfeydd misol yn Neuaddau Cymuned Ystradfellte, Pontneddfechan a Choelbren (pan gaiff Neuadd Ynys-wen ei hail-agor, cynhelir cymorthfeydd yno hefyd).
Cymuned Ieuenctid – Rwyf wedi cefnogi sefydlu Pwyllgor Ieuenctid yng Nghoelbren gyda chydweithrediad Pwyllgor y Neuadd Goffa.
Problemau Llifogydd (Caehopkin) – Rwyf wedi cynnal trafodaethau gyda swyddogion Cyngor Sir Powys ac Asiantaeth yr Amgylchedd i weithredu ynghylch ateb y broblem gyda dŵr ym mhentref Caehopkin.
Ymsuddiant (Lôn Hill) - Rwyf wedi cadw cysylltiad agos gyda swyddogion yr Awdurdod i sicrhau y bydd gwaith atgyweirio yn cychwyn yn sgil ymchwiliad i ymsuddiant ar y ffordd yn Lôn Hill Caehopkin.
Neuadd Ynys-wen - Rwyf yng nghanol ceisio sefydlu gweithgor i symud ymlaen gyda gweithgareddau - eu bwriad yw y bydd yn y pen draw yn arwain at ail-agor Neuadd Ynys-wen ac atgyweirio'r maes chwarae.

Penycae (Caffael Tir) – Rwyf wedi cynrychioli trigolion Pen-y-cae gydag Adran Eiddo Powys i gaffael darn bach o dir trwy 'Ddatganiad o Ddiddordeb' fydd gyda lwc yn eu galluogi i adleoli cyfleusterau chwarae.
Pryderon lleol - trwy gysylltiad uniongyrchol a chymorthfeydd, rwyf wedi llwyddo i roi adborth ar ran trigolion ar bob math o broblemau, yn amrywio o atygweirio tai, goleuadau stryd, coed peryglus, cludiant cyhoeddus/ysgol, problemau draenio, llwybrau troed, rhoi wyneb newydd ar ffyrdd a gweithgareddau Ieuenctid/Hamdden. Rydym wedi llwyddo i ddatrys y rhan fwyaf o'r rhain.
Ymweliadau Busnes – Yn ystod Haf 2012, yng nghwmni Joyce Watson AC aethom i ymweld ag ystod o fusnesau yn y Ward.
Cludiant cyhoeddus - Rwyf wedi trosglwyddo pryderon i'r Awdurdod ynghylch diffyg cyfleusterau cludiant cyhoeddus yn y Ward. Hefyd cynhaliwyd cyfarfodydd cyhoeddus.
Ysbyty Ystradgynlais – Rwyf wedi cwrdd gyda rheolwyr Ysbyty Ystradgynlais i drafod yr Uned Mân Anafiadau a chyfeiriad gofal iechyd yr ysbyty yn y dyfodol.
Cerdded o gwmpas y Pentref - Rwyf wedi cerdded o gwmpas y pentref gyda swyddogion perthnasol yr Awdurdod, i drafod gwaith atgyweirio lle bo angen
Cysylltu â mi: Croeso i chi gysylltu â mis os oes gennych unrhyw broblemau i'w trafod (manylion cyswllt uchod).

Adran 3: Dysgu a Datblygu - ar ôl etholiadau mis Mai 2012 darparwyd sesiynau ymsefydlu ym mis Mai a Mehefin i sicrhau fod Cynghorwyr yn gallu cyflawni eu dyletswyddau. Darperir rhaglen datblygiad misol parhaus.

Sesiynau ymsefydlu – Ymsefydlu 1a 3; Côd Ymddygiad; Pwyllgor Rheoleiddio – cynllunio, ffermydd gwynt, hawliau tramwy, trwyddedu tacsis; Deddf Trwyddedu 2003 a Deddf Gamblo; Amddiffyn a Rhianta Corfforaethol; Protocol Cynllunio; Pwyllgor Archwilio; Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru – ymsefydlu ym maes Craffu

Datblygiad Parhaus – Rheoli'r Trysorlys, Trin gwybodaeth a diogelu data, Safonau Tai Cymru, Rheoli a Chyflenwi gwasanaethau Hamdden mewn ffordd Amgen; diweddariad Estyn; Rheoli Perfformiad a Phrosiectau; Gofal Cymdeithasol i Oedolion; Adroddiadau Blynyddol Aelodau a defnyddio Outlook; Cynllun Newid Powys; Defnydd o Gyfryngau Cymdeithasol i Gynghorwyr.

Hyfforddi Llywodraethwyr: Rwyf hefyd yn mynd i nifer fawr o ddigwyddiadau hyfforddi i lywodraethwyr ysgol. Mae rôl llywodraethwyr ysgol yn golygu treulio mwy a mwy o amser ynghyd â mwy o wybodaeth arbenigol. Rwyf wedi derbyn hyfforddiant penodol i lywodraethwyr yn y meysydd: ymsefydlu, cwynion a gweithdrefnau disgyblu. Mae'r hyfforddiant yn barhaus.

Adran 4: Sefydliadau allanol a gweithgareddau eraill
Rwyf hefyd wedi:

- Mynd i gyfarfodydd rheolaidd Cynghorau Cymuned Ystradfellte a Thawe Uchaf.
- Derbyn gwahoddiad i ymweld â Chlwb Ffermwyr Ifanc Ystradfellte.
- Siarad gyda Grŵp Pensiynwyr Pontneddfechan, Pensiynwyr Coelbren a Grŵp Pensiynwyr Pen-y-cae/Abercraf.
- Mynd i gyfarfodydd a drefnwyd i drafod cam-ddefnyddio sylweddau anghyfreithlon yn Ystradgynlais.
- Cael cysylltiad rheolaidd gyda'r heddlu, ac maent yn dod i'm cymorthfeydd yn aml.
- Mynd i gyfarfodydd o Grŵp Mynediad Ystradgynlais.