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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Group: Welsh Labour	**Date:** September, 2016

Section 1: Role & Responsibilities

I served on these Powys County Council committees [actual attendance/number of meetings held] and working groups:
Powys County Council – 6/8
Audit Committee – 6/7

- Internal Audit Working Group
- Finance Scrutiny Panel

Licensing Act 2003 Committee – 3/3

- Licensing Sub-Committee – I attended a number of Sub-Committee meetings

Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee – 17/20

- Taxi Review Panel – I attended a number of Panel meetings.

Brecknockshire – 5/6
TAN8 Working Group

I served on the following outside organisations:
Local Education Authority representative appointed Governor for: Ysgol Maesydderwen, Ystradgynlais and 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

Advice Surgery Sessions: I have held monthly advice surgeries at the Community Halls in Ystradfellte, Pontneddfechan and Coelbren. When Ynys-wen Hall re-opens surgeries will be scheduled there.
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, speeding, dangerous trees, road repairs and footpath matters.
Tenant Panels: I attend the Ystradgynlais and District Tenant Panels.
New Play Parks: I have supported Action Groups in Coelbren and Pen-y-cae in their attempts to acquire new play parks. Pen-y-cae opened in Spring 2016 and Coelbren is scheduled to open in the Summer of 2016. Funding has also been sourced for improvements to Caehopkin play park.
Public Transport: I have worked to maintain and improve public transport facilities within

the Ward.
Timber Hauling: I continue to work with Officers to try and alleviate problems caused by timber harvesting near Coelbren. This has now finished and the road is to be re-surfaced.
Ynys-wen Hall: I am supporting the Action Group set up to try and re-open the Hall. Good progress has been achieved. The old hall has been demolished due to safety concerns.
Pontneddfechan Action Group: As a result of public concerns regarding parking issues in the village Traffic Regulation Orders have been submitted for consultation.
Drainage Issues Caehopkin: I have continued to work with Officers in an attempt to find a solution to the problem in Caehopkin Village. This work is ongoing.
Speeding: As a result of speed investigations police have increased checks on problem roads in the Ward.
Ystradgynlais Hospital: I have attended regular meetings between area councillors and hospital management to understand and encourage new developments at the hospital. The New Minor Injury Unit opening hours have proved to be a success.
Coelbren Surgery: I continue to fight to maintain services at Coelbren Health Centre and receive regular updates from the Health Board. Community updates have been arranged through the Focus on Health meetings.
Housing: Work has continued on Authority housing within the Ward to meet Welsh Housing Quality Standards.

Contact Me- Please contact me if you have any issues you would like to discuss with me. (contact details above).

Section 3: Learning & Development

Adult & Child Protection and Corporate Parenting; Well-Being of Future Generations Act 2015; Budget seminars 2 & 3; Gypsy & Travellers - Members' roles and responsibilities under Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and Equality Act 2010; Resilience training;

Planning, Taxi Licensing & Rights of Way Committee development - Determining applications to register "new" town and village greens

Licensing Act 2003 Committee development - Licensing Act 2003

Section 4: Outside organisations and other activities

I have also undertaken the following:

- Regularly attend meetings of both the Ystradfellte and Tawe Uchaf Community Councils.
- Invited to and attended meetings of the Coelbren and Pen-y-cae/Abercraf Senior Citizen Groups.
- Have regular contact with police officers and they often attend my advice surgeries.
- Attended meetings of the Ystradgynlais Access Group.
- Attend meetings of the Health Forum Group.
- Member of the Nant Helen Grant Panel.
- Have attended ‘cross border’ meetings between Neath and Port Talbot Borough Council [NPTBC] and Powys County Council [PCC].

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 10 Mai, 2016. Fe'i darperir er gwybodaeth i'r holl etholwyr ac nid at unrhyw ddiben arall.

Cynghorydd: David A. Thomas	**Ffôn:** 01639 730033
Ward: Tawe Uchaf	**Ffôn symudol:**
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Grwp: Llafur Cymru	**Dyddiad:** Medi, 2015

Adran 1: Rolau a Chyfrifoldebau

Gwasanaethais ar y pwyllgorau a'r gweithgorau hyn o Gyngor Sir Powys [presenoldeb gwirioneddol / nifer y cyfarfodydd a gynhaliwyd] :
Cyngor Sir Powys – 6/8
Pwyllgor Archwilio - 6/7

- Gweithgor Archwilio Mewnol
- Panel Craffu Cyllid

Is-bwyllgor Trwyddedu 2003 – 3/3

- Is-bwyllgorau Trwyddedu - mynychais nifer o gyfarfodydd Is-Bwyllgorau'r

Pwyllgor Cynllunio, Trwyddedu Tacsis a Hawliau Tramwy – 17/20

- Panel Adolygu Tacsis - mynychais nifer o gyfarfodydd y Panel

Sir Frycheiniog – 5/6
Gweithgor TAN8

Gwasanaethais ar y cyrff allanol canlynol:
Llywodraethwr a benodwyd i gynrychioli'r Awdurdod Addysg Lleol ar gyfer: Ysgol Maesydderwen, Ystradgynlais ac Ysgol y Cribarth, Abercraf
Pwyllgor Cyswllt ar y Cyd Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog [APCBB] / Cyngor Sir Powys
Pwyllgor Cyswllt Glo Brig Nant Helen.
Pwyllgor Rheoli Canolfan Chwaraeon Ystradgynlais

Adran 2: Gweithgaredd yr etholaeth

Cymorthfeydd: Rwyf wedi cynnal cymorthfeydd yn fisol yn y Neuaddau Cymunedol yn Ystradfellte, Pontneddfechan a Choelbren. Pan fydd Neuadd Ynys-wen yn ail-agor, bydd cymorthfeydd yn cael eu trefnu yno.
Pryderon lleol: Drwy gyswllt uniongyrchol a chymorthfeydd rwyf wedi gallu rhoi adborth am bryderon y preswylwyr ar bob math o faterion sy'n amrywio o atgyweiriadau tai, goleuadau stryd, goryrru, coed peryglus, atgyweirio ffyrdd a materion yn ymwneud â llwybrau troed.
Paneli Tenantiaid: Rwy'n mynychu Paneli Tenantiaid Ystradgynlais a'r Cylch.
Parciau Chwarae Newydd: Rwyf wedi cefnogi Grwpiau Gweithredu yng Nghoelbren a Phen-y-cae yn eu hymdrechion i gaffael parciau chwarae newydd. Agorwyd Pen-y-cae yn

ystod Gwanwyn 2016 a disgwylir y bydd Coelbren yn agor yn ystod Haf 2016. Sicrhawyd cyllid hefyd ar gyfer gwelliannau i maes chwarae Caehopcyn.
Trafnidiaeth Gyhoeddus: Rwyf wedi gweithio i gynnal a gwella cyfleusterau cludiant cyhoeddus o fewn y Ward.
Cludo Coed: Rwyf wedi parhau i weithio gyda swyddogion i geisio lliniaru problemau a achosir gan gynaeafu coed ger Coelbren. Mae hwn nawr wedi cael ei ddatrys a bydd wyneb newydd yn cael ei osod ar y ffordd.
Neuadd Ynys-wen: Rwy'n cefnogi'r Grŵp Gweithredu a sefydlwyd i geisio ail-agor y Neuadd. Mae cynnydd da wedi cael ei gyflawni. Mae'r hen neuadd wedi cael ei ddymchwel oherwydd pryderon diogelwch.
Grŵp Gweithredu Pontneddfechan: O ganlyniad i bryderon y cyhoedd ynghylch materion parcio yn y pentref mae Gorchmynion Rheoli Traffig wedi cael eu cyflwyno ar gyfer ymgynghoriad.
Materion Draenio Caehopcyn: Rwyf wedi parhau i weithio gyda Swyddogion mewn ymgais i ddod o hyd i ateb i'r broblem ym mhentref Caehopcyn. Mae'r gwaith yma'n barhaus.
Goryrru: O ganlyniad i ymchwiliadau cyflymder mae'r heddlu wedi cynyddu gwiriadau ar ffyrdd lle mae yna broblemau yn y Ward.
Ysbyty Ystradgynlais: Rwyf wedi mynychu cyfarfodydd rheolaidd rhwng cynghorwyr ardal a rheolwyr yr ysbytai i ddeall ac annog datblygiadau newydd yn yr ysbyty. Mae oriau agor yr Uned Man-anafiadau Newydd wedi bod yn llwyddiannus.
Tai: Mae'r gwaith wedi parhau ar dai'r Awdurdod o fewn y Ward er mwyn diwallu Safonau Ansawdd Tai Cymru.

Cysylltu: Cysylltwch â mi os oes gennych unrhyw faterion yr hoffech eu trafod gyda mi. (manylion cyswllt uchod).

Adran 3: Dysgu a Datblygu

Amddiffyn Oedolion a Phlant a Rhianta Corfforaethol; Deddf Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol a Llesiant 2015; Seminarau'r Gyllideb 2 a 3; Sipsiwn a Theithwyr – Rolau a Chyfrifoldebau Aelodau o dan y Ddeddf Tai (Cymru) 2014 a'r Ddeddf Cydraddoldebau 2010; Hyfforddiant cadernid;

Datblygu'r Pwyllgor Cynllunio, Trwyddedu Tacsis a Hawliau Tramwy – Penderfynu ar geisiadau i gofrestru trefi a lawntiau pentrefi "newydd".

Datblygu'r Pwyllgor Deddf Trwyddedu 2003 – Deddf Trwyddedu 2003

Adran 4: Sefydliadau allanol a gweithgareddau eraill

Rwyf hefyd wedi ymgymryd â'r canlynol:

- Rwy'n mynychu cyfarfodydd Cynghorau Cymuned Ystradfellte a Thawe Uchaf yn rheolaidd.
- Cefais fy ngwahodd a mynychais gyfarfodydd o Grwpiau Henoed Coelbren a Phen-y-cae / Abercraf.
- Rwyf mewn cysylltiad rheolaidd â swyddogion yr heddlu ac maent yn aml yn mynychu fy nghymorthfeydd.
- Mynychais gyfarfodydd o Grŵp Mynediad Ystradgynlais.

- Mynychais gyfarfodydd Grŵp y Fforwm Iechyd.
- Aelod o Banel Grantiau Nant Helen.
- Rwyf wedi mynychu cyfarfodydd 'traws ffiniol' rhwng Cyngor Bwrdeistref Castell-nedd Port Talbot a Chyngor Sir Powys [CSP].