

ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15
COUNCILLOR Alun Lenny
Carmarthen Town South Electoral Division



COUNCILLOR REPORT Cllr. Alun Lenny, Carmarthen Town South Ward (Fellow Councillor with Jeff Thomas).

Dear Resident

The purpose of this report is to keep you informed of some of the issues I have dealt with on your behalf during 2014/15. Real progress has been made in respect of these and I hope that you will find this information of interest.

Local Member Activities

Subjects	Main Issues
<i>Planning</i>	<i>Reading every planning application relating to the ward. Giving advice to several local residents and companies e.g. difficulties with developments in conservation areas, signage, windows etc. and visiting them when necessary. Sending an e-mail to planning officers on their behalf. Reading the new LDP in detail and following the Planning Bill's journey through the Assembly in order to educate myself about the changes that might affect applications by local individuals and companies.</i>
<i>Street Scene</i>	<i>Discussing problems or complaints about the condition of roads with officers, by e-mail or/and on site. Major work was undertaken to resurface some of the main streets in Carmarthen during the year.</i>
<i>Transport</i>	<i>Dealing with a number of complaints about parking and transport. Pressing for traffic calming measures in streets in which problems arise. Convening/attending public meetings/site visits to consult local residents, accompanied by council officers and the police. Meeting the local disability organisation to discuss their needs and concerns about parking. Pressing for fairer parking charges. Meeting the headteacher of Johnstown School to discuss the parking situation. Organising a liaison group between a local farmer and residents complaining about heavy lorries going to his farm, where there are 2,000 milking cows.</i>
<i>Education and Children</i>	<i>LEA Governor – Richmond Park Primary School. Campaigning and working to prevent the closure of the DrMz children and youth centre. I am hopeful that grants will be forthcoming to sustain it. Sitting down with young offenders (under 16) accompanied by a police officer, parent and social worker to discuss why they offend, and to seek to encourage them not to do so again.</i>
<i>Regeneration and Leisure</i>	<i>Playing a prominent part in the Carmarthen Town Regeneration Forum. Feeding ideas into a 15 year Development Plan. Attending a public exhibition to explain/answer questions. Regular meetings to discuss how to fund projects. Meeting council officers to discuss plans to improve leisure facilities in the ward, including one proposed major leisure scheme. Advising the</i>

	<i>Tourism Section on the contents of panels erected to explain the history of Carmarthen town in prominent locations, and editing the contents of the panels. Attending meetings and offering ideas for the content of festivals to be held in the town.</i>
<i>Environmental Health</i>	<i>Looking for problems, e.g. overloaded refuse bins, whilst walking around streets in the ward. Arrange meetings with officers or an Executive Board Member where there are long term problems. Receiving complaints from residents about rubbish, vandalism and late night noise or disorder on the streets. Meeting the local police on a regular basis to discuss such problems. Reporting back to residents via e-mail and newsletter.</i>
<i>Social Care</i>	<i>Visiting the Cartref Cynnes building site, the new residential home that will replace Argel, at a cost of £13m. Attending the open day and discussing aspects of the development. Maintaining links with Friends of Argel to consider their future role.</i>
<i>Housing</i>	<i>Visiting residents' meetings in flat/housing complexes owned by the council to hear about, and discuss, issues that are causing them concern. Receiving complaints from individual residents. Visiting them, and if required, asking for a meeting with officers in the housing department.</i>
<i>General</i>	<i>Meeting the Police Commissioner to press on him to retain 'live' monitoring of the CCTV camera in Carmarthen town. Launching an on-line petition to retain the police helicopter in Carmarthenshire, during the week when a schoolboy disappeared after falling into the River Tywi in the South Ward. Maintaining regular contact with residents living near the empty former hospital in Carmarthen, and conveying specific concerns about difficulties that have arisen there (e.g. fire, rats etc) to relevant County Council officers. Meeting with the Head of Hywel Dda Health Board to discuss ways of providing additional parking spaces at Glangwili Hospital. Collecting evidence from traders and residents in order to seek to persuade the Royal Mail to re-install a post box in one of town's busiest streets. Attending meetings of the local Chamber of Trade to answer enquiries/listen to the problems encountered by shop owners (there are 300 in the Ward). I also attended meetings of the town's market stallholders as and when required.</i>

Membership of School Governing Bodies

School Governing Body	Meetings attended
Richmond Park School	

Membership of External Bodies 2013/14 (representing the Council)

EXTERNAL BODY	Meetings attended
Welsh Books Council	

If there are any issues that are causing you concern then please do not hesitate to contact me:

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RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AT FORMAL MEETINGS OF CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES 2014/15

Meetings	Council	Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee	Planning Committee	Total number of meetings	
Actual No held	13	10	26	49	
COUNCILLOR	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED	PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE
Lenny A	13	9	22	44	90%