

ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15
COUNCILLOR Bill Thomas
Lliedi Electoral Ward



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. I am now able to attend many more meetings, however, I am still receiving hospital treatment for my eye complaint but continue with my work from home and am in regular contact with the Council Officers.

William Thomas.

Lliedi Ward, Llanelli.

Elected again in 2012 - first elected in 1995-2008.

I continue to work on the past cases I highlighted last year plus any new issues that come up from time to time. The most prominent of which is the Park Howard case in Llanelli which is seemingly part of a larger project involving private enterprise.

These cases still include issues on planning and enforcement for which I declare an interest at every opportunity.

I have been involved for many years in the European case on the pollution of the Burry Inlet and Moderate Water Quality of Carmarthen Bay. I have represented the shell fishermen over the loss of such a valuable local industry.

Welsh Water is now working on a project that will last at the very least up to 2020 and will require 10 years monitoring and measurement for compliance issues to the existing European Directives including the Water Framework Directive. Welsh Water has thanked all the elected members of the Lliedi Ward for the work that has been done to aid them in their projects. The Officials in Europe taking the Loughor Estuary and Bury Inlet case forward to the European Courts have thanked the people who have assisted them in the case.

In my ward there have been housing issues requiring attention, planning enforcement issues that are on-going and will be once again the subject of investigation. I have represented small businesses with their problems.

I work closely with the PCSOs in my ward and report at meetings the problem areas that have been highlighted to me by the public.

I work closely with the Member of Parliament and the Assembly Member on the Flood Forum which has helped highlight all the problems with flooding, pollution and planning in our area and greater Llanelli. I have continued my involvement in the fight for doctor led A&E facilities at Prince Philip Hospital, Llanelli which are now in place.

Local Member Activities

Subjects	Main Issues
<i>Planning</i>	<i>Declared an interest because of the prolific development in the flood plain and lack of enforcement action on this issue and lack of enforcement on a potentially dangerous structure.</i>
<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Involved in parking restriction schemes on health & safety issues.</i>
<i>Regeneration & Leisure</i>	<i>Involved in the issue of Park Howard Llanelli. Involved in the issue of playing fields charges.</i>
<i>Environmental Health</i>	<i>Involved in the issues appertaining to water quality of the rivers and sea around the Llanelli Coast. Involved in the Flood Forum and the issues of flooding, including sewage flooding. Involved in the Welsh Water rainscape project - attended Welsh Water meetings.</i>

Membership of School Governing Bodies

School Governing Body	Meetings attended
Pentip School	<p>I have attended all but two of the meetings at the school, and have now successfully concluded the contract with Carmarthenshire County Council for a lift to be constructed at the school for use of disabled pupils and disabled persons visiting the school.</p> <p>The school has continued to improve and is in the improved quartile as recorded by the school inspectors.</p> <p>The school has successfully employed a new Head who is proving to be an asset to us in all phases of school management processes.</p>

Membership of Outside Bodies 2014/15 (representing the Council)

Outside Body	Meetings attended
Heol Goffa School Hydrotherapy Pool Project Board	No progress to be reported here.

If there are any matters that you need to contact me on please use the phone or E-mail and I will reply or contact you in order to progress the matter.

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

Meetings	Council	Community Scrutiny Committee	Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee	Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee	Pwyllgor Archwilio Audit Committee	Appointments Committee A Directors	Total number of meetings	
Actual No held	13	1	8	10	4	3	39	
COUNCILLOR	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED	PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE
Thomas WG	5	1	5	5	2	1	19	49%

ATTENDED AS SUBSTITUTE

Regarding my attendance at Appointments Committee A meetings - I was asked to stand down so that the Executive Board Member could attend.