

ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15  
COUNCILLOR Alun Davies  
Saron 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.*

## Local Member Activities

Subjects	Main Issues
Planning	<p><i>I have attended over a dozen meetings to do with local issues. One is still ongoing. Last September 2013 an application from a company for an energy recovery centre at New Lodge Farm off the A48 no S/29559. The action group opposing this application have met with local residents and companies. I have now become a member of the action group. The battle continues.</i></p>
Street Scene	<p><i>I have dealt with many complaints from small problems to some large ones. The main issues are unfinished roads on new housing estates, ongoing. Speed problems and traffic calming schemes ongoing.</i></p>
Transportation	<p><i>This has become a headache for all councillors, with cut backs from central government. We are looking at the most cost effective way of keeping services operational. I have secured the anti-skid surface, on the nasty bend near the entrance of Tirychen Farm. Also a pavement for this section of road a length of 105m, to be out on the forward work plan.</i></p>
Education & Children	<p><i>We need to drive standards higher than before. We need more IT. The Council has adopted a Welsh Language policy. We need to extend this more in to the schools and the general public. We need to provide special needs and other support to ensure every child leaves with a qualification.</i></p>
Regeneration & Leisure	<p><i>New jobs industries of many types need to be attracted into the area. I have opposed the price rises that the Executive Board tried to implement. I believe that sports should be available for all in the community, and not just to the ones who can afford it. Again we see central government trying to destroy our way of life.</i></p>
Environment	<p><i>Air quality is now a major Issue in our area. We are building too many houses and destroying wildlife habitats for future generations. Deep concerns have been expressed in regards of the S/29559 planning application at Cwmgwili. Since last year I have produced an Air Quality Report that has been part of the planning objection, regarding acid rain, etc.</i></p>
Social Care	<p><i>I am monitoring the standards of social care in my ward. We are getting close to the completion of the extra care complex at the rear of the Gwynfryn Estate, near Coleg Sir Gâr.</i></p>
Housing	<p><i>There have been some problems with anti social problems. Also to oversee the improvements to the local Council housing stock. I have assisted some residents to relocate.</i></p>

### **Membership of School Governing Bodies**

<b>School Governing Body</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>
Amman Valley Comprehensive School	I have attended all the meetings. Also I have been elected Chair of Premises.
Pacyrhun County Primary School	I have attended all meetings. Also found Section 106 funding for the renovation of the boys' toilets.

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

<b>Outside Body</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>
Wales Council for Deaf People	I failed to attend the meeting in Pontypridd.

### **Other activities in connection with my duties as a County Councillor**

*I became a Councillor to try and improve the quality of life for the people whom I represent and the people of Carmarthenshire. I find myself, with all my fellow Councillors, having to oversee spending cuts enforced by a London Government, that was not returned by the people of Carmarthenshire.*

**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**

<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>Environmental &amp; Public Protection Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Licensing Committee</b>	<b>Licensing Sub Committee B</b>	<b>Planning Committee</b>	<b>Total number of meetings</b>	
<b>Actual No held</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34</b>	
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE</b>
Davies A	13	7	7	1	1	29	85%

**ATTENDED AS LOCAL MEMBER**