

ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15
COUNCILLOR Emlyn Dole
Llannon 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. I think that I have achieved real progress during the year and I hope that you will find this information of interest.

Local Member Activities

Subjects	Main Issues
<i>Street Scene</i>	<i>I have had numerous requests in the context of Street Scene and have dealt with every case, most of which have been resolved successfully. I have dealt with complaints across the Ward in Llannon, Tumble, Cross Hands and Cwm Mawr. Those that are ongoing are primarily ones that have been added to the waiting list and remain outstanding. A layer of tarmac has been applied to the Family Centre's Car Park and I am currently in discussion with the community council regarding the installation of white lines to delineate the parking spaces. I will continue to press for a number of highways works in the area to be completed.</i>
<i>Education & Children</i>	<i>I remain a Governor and Vice Chair in Llannon School and Governor in Cross Hands. I have attended most of the meetings held and have dealt with wider issues affecting both Schools and have been glad to be able to support the staff and children in both Schools. I have also dealt with parents who have come to me individually during the year looking for help and support and I'm glad to have been of some assistance as an advocate on their behalf.</i>
<i>Regeneration & Leisure</i>	<p><i>I have been able to support Regeneration and Leisure across the Ward during the year. I have played an active role supporting the new regeneration scheme in the Cross Hands Industrial Estate and it was me who proposed formally the Planning Application for the West Tip. Despite the recent news that Sainsburys have withdrawn their plans for a new store at the site, I am confident that other retailers will be attracted in the very near future. The recent opening a new butchery for Celtica Foods in Cross Hands and many other individual applications within the Cross Hands area, will bring jobs and employment to the Ward, which is of course the main Regeneration Area in Carmarthenshire.</i></p> <p><i>Working with Llannon Community Council, a development plan is being drawn up for the transfer of Tumble Park to the community and hopefully grants will follow.</i></p>
<i>Environmental Health</i>	<i>I have represented all who came to me for help with environmental health issues during the year, ranging from waste disposal and fly tipping to noise pollution at varied locations within the Ward. In most cases the issues were dealt with successfully. Some issues however remain ongoing and will be dealt with in the longer term but I remain onboard with those cases.</i>
<i>Housing</i>	<i>I have been representing many people with regard to Housing requests both in regard to Council tenancy, private rental and home owners within the Ward. The issues are many and varied and in many cases I have been able to facilitate also in neighbourly disputes which can be very upsetting for all involved. In all cases I hope that my advocacy and mediation has been of assistance in achieving a positive outcome.</i>

<i>Other Issues</i>	<i>There are many other issues of course such as Traffic Calming, Personal Issues, Letters of Recommendation, Testimonials, Guidance and protestations that regularly come across my desk. I deal with them all as they arise and am pleased to be able to assist everybody who comes to me for help and advice. My full contact details and email are on the Council Website and available within the Ward including my personal mobile number. Despite being elected Leader of the Council in may 2015, my primary focus will always be the Llannon ward.</i>
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School Governing Bodies

I am a School Governor in Cross Hands Primary School and am Vice Chair of Governors in Llannon Primary School. I play an active role in both Schools and have had the opportunity not only to represent them as Governors but to make representations on their behalf to the County Council on a number of issues which have then been successfully resolved.

Membership of Outside Bodies

Having been elected Leader of Carmarthenshire county Council in May 2015, I now represent the County on the Welsh Local Government Association's Co-ordinating Committee and I am also board member of the Swansea Bay City Region.

As regards other duties on external bodies I attend when the Council Diary allows. Whenever there is a clash it is the Council Diary that takes priority.

Other activities in connection with my duties as a County Councillor

In May 2015 I was elected Leader of Carmarthenshire County Council. As Leader of the Council I chair meetings of the ten member Executive Board. I also have responsibility for corporate leadership and strategy and in this respect I work very closely with our Chief Executive, Mark James.

I also represent the Council on the Welsh Local Government Association's Co-ordinating Committee and I am a member of the Board of the Swansea Bay City Region. The Board is chaired by the billionaire businessman Sir Terry Matthews. The Swansea Bay City Region is a partnership between the four local authority areas of Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot, Swansea, and Pembrokeshire. It brings together business, local government and a range of other partners, working to a common goal of creating economic prosperity for the people who live and work in the City Region.

As Leader of the Council I attend regular meetings with Ministers of the Welsh Government and speak up for Carmarthenshire whenever the opportunity arises. I am a strong advocate for economic regeneration and I have set that as my primary goal as Leader. For our communities to thrive, the council's priority under my leadership will be the creation of new jobs and opportunities for people to prosper. This applies to the Llannon ward just as much as the county as a whole.

I don't hold any formal surgeries but I make all my contact details available on the Council Website as well as in other public places across the Ward. I have supported numerous organisations across the Ward and continue to do so and have campaigned on many local issues including traffic calming, regeneration, libraries, police complaints, refuse collection and fly tipping to name but a few.

I have represented this Ward on the Council since 2008 and consider it an honour and a privilege to represent all the people within the Ward.

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	Community Scrutiny Committee	Education & Children Scrutiny Committee	Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee	Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee	Audit Committee	Appointments Committee A Directors	Appointments Committee B Heads of Service	Planning Committee	Total number of meetings	
Actual No held	13	1	1	2	3	1	3	4	26	54	
CLLR	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED	PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE
Dole E	11	1	1	2	3	1	3	3	19	44	81%

SUBSTITUTED FOR A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE