

ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15
COUNCILLOR Peter Hughes Griffiths
Carmarthen Town North 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 with my fellow Electoral ward member Councillor Gareth O. Jones.

Topics	Main Issues
<i>Planning</i>	<i>My fellow member, Gareth O. Jones and I examine in detail each planning application within the ward. The two most important applications during the year were the housing development at Cefn Bryn Drain. We opposed the application as this was the only green area of land left in this part of the estate. We also opposed the hostel development in Lôn Hir.</i>
<i>Street Scene</i>	<i>We are in regular contact with street scene officers in order to improve pavements and roads within the ward. We will work together to try and eliminate 'dog fouling' which is a problem in some parts of the ward. Maintaining clean streets and areas is also of importance to us and we will pursue each complaint in order to improve cleanliness.</i>
<i>Transport</i>	<i>We have urged for the Park and Ride scheme to continue and we are keen to see this happening on the Glangwili side of town. The Government have made cuts with regard to the money that is available for local bus services but we succeeded to keep many of the services within the town. Also, we are continuously battling to ensure that children receive transport to Bro Myrddin School and Q.E. High.</i>
<i>Education & Children</i>	<i>My fellow councillor and I are members of the Scrutiny Committee for Education and Childcare. We regularly visit schools and both of us are part of the Raising Standards in Schools Panel. We are governors at two schools in Carmarthen.</i>
<i>Regeneration & Leisure</i>	<i>My fellow member for the North Ward and I have served on Carmarthen Town Forum since it was established two years ago. We are now on different panels which plan and develop environmental improvements in regenerating the town. The public will be able to see those improvements happening.</i>
<i>Environmental Health</i>	<i>Please see Regeneration and Leisure.</i>
<i>Social Care</i>	<i>We work together with Tŷ Ni and Tŷ Hapus continuously and they carry out important work in terms of support with social care. We have been involved in the development of the new centre to replace Argel in Johnstown. The centre will open before the end of 2015.</i>
<i>Housing</i>	<i>We have very close contact with the ward's housing officers and the council house improvement scheme is nearing completion. By now, every council house within the ward has been improved.</i>
<i>General</i>	<i>As County Councillors, we meet and discuss matters with the Police a number of times a year. Our close collaboration with Carmarthen Town Council is also a notable feature.</i>

<i>Other Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Attended the Town's Chamber of Commerce meetings.</i> • <i>Published and distributed circulars within the ward.</i> • <i>Notified the local press of relevant events.</i> • <i>Held regular Street Surgeries in our ward.</i> • <i>Responded to e-mails, letters, phone calls regarding general matters and matters within the ward.</i> • <i>I was Vice Chair of the Council in 2014-15 and became Chairman for 2015-16.</i>
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Membership of School Governing Bodies

School Governing Body	Meetings attended
Bro Myrddin Secondary School	3 full meetings a year and 3 finance sub-committee meetings. A member of the Salaries Panel.
Ysgol y Dderwen CP School	3 meetings a year and 3 finance sub-committee meetings and others as necessary.

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	Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee	Planning Committee	Total number of meetings	
Actual number held	13	6	1	1	21	
COUNCILLOR	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED	PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE
Hughes Griffiths P	12	6	1	1	20	95%

SUBSTITUTED FOR A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE

ATTENDED AS A LOCAL MEMBER