

ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15
COUNCILLOR David Jenkins
Glanamman 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
<i>Planning</i>	<p>I have been a member of the Planning Committee since I was originally elected in 2008, which has provided me with an all round knowledge of planning issues. This in turn has enabled me to advise constituents in relation to local planning issues. In order to ensure positive planning application outcomes, I have attended pre-application meetings with, and also on behalf of, constituents and have also been involved with local planning enforcement issues</p>
<i>Street Scene</i>	<p>Some of the issues which were raised by constituents in the last year are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potholes • Litter • Dog fouling • Street lighting • Grass and hedge cutting, • Installation of glass bottle banks • Refuse collection • Highway and footway condition • Blocked Drains <p>I consider myself to be a team player and have worked closely with relevant officers in the various departments to resolve these issues.</p>
<i>Transportation</i>	<p>In order to enable local people to shop at the Lidl Store in Ammanford I was instrumental in arranging the placement of bus stops on site. I was also involved in ensuring that all local bus stops have the relevant bus timetables in place. Traffic calming measures are always welcomed by local residents and I have been involved in negotiating these at various locations in the community.</p>
<i>Education & Children</i>	<p>As a governor, I regularly attend meetings at Ysgol y Bedol and Ysgol Dyffryn Amman and have assisted parents to resolve various issues between them and the schools.</p>
<i>Regeneration & Leisure</i>	<p>In order to create an environment where jobs can be created for local people, I have been actively involved in pursuing the full restoration of the Tabernacle Road workshops.</p>

	<p>The ongoing repair and maintenance of our local footpaths and public rights of way are vitally important and I continue to be involved in ensuring that these works are carried out.</p> <p>I continue to be a member of the Betws Mountain Wind Farm Grants Panel which awards grant aid to deserving projects in the Amman Valley.</p>
<i>Environmental Health</i>	I continue to be involved in matters raised by local constituents and in the past have successfully resolved environmental pollution issues in the ward.
<i>Social Care</i>	<p>I believe that these services are vital in ensuring the health and wellbeing of all residents and although outside of the County Council function, I play a large part in the activities of the Amman Valley Hospital League of Friends. I also assist the Trustees of the Hafan Croeso Dementia Care Home at Heol Aman.</p> <p>I listen to local residents' concerns and become involved in directing them to the relevant services, when required</p>
<i>Housing</i>	Residents regularly ask me to become involved in concerns regarding personal and estate housing issues. As the number of social housing within the ward is significant, I have continued to provide assistance to private house owners and tenants
<i>Other Issues</i>	I am regularly asked to help residents with issues that are unrelated to County Council issues and have been able to point them in the direction of other agencies who are able to deal with their concerns.

Membership of School Governing Bodies

<i>School Governing Body</i>	<i>Meetings attended</i>
Amman Valley Secondary School Ysgol Y Bedol	I have attended all governors meetings of both schools during the year

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

<i>Outside Body</i>	<i>Meetings attended</i>
Community Education Centres - Dinefwr Area Management Committee	I have attended the two meetings held during the year.

Other activities in connection with my duties as a County Councillor

I am currently Chair of the Audit Committee, which post requires me to attend meetings of the Corporate Governance Group. I am also a member the Plaid Cymru shadow Cabinet with responsibility for finance which holds meetings once a month.

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

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<i>Telephone</i>	01269 822598 (if you should fail to get an immediate answer please leave your name and telephone number on the answer phone and I will get back to you as soon as I pick up your message)
<i>E.Mail</i>	DMJenkins@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

**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	Audit Committee	Appointments Committee A Directors	Appointments Committee B Heads of Services	Planning Committee	Total number of meetings	
Actual No held	13	1	1	10	4	3	1	26	59	
COUNCILLOR	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED	PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE
Jenkins DM	13	1	1	10	4	3	1	26	59	100%

SUBSTITUTED FOR A MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE