

ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15
COUNCILLOR Gareth Jones
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. I work closely with my fellow member for the ward, Councillor Peter Hughes Griffiths, other County Councillors for Carmarthen Town and Carmarthen Town Councillors.

Local Member activities with my fellow member for the electoral ward, Councillor Peter Hughes Griffiths.

| Subjects | Main Issues |
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| <i>Planning</i> | <i>Considering each individual application and responding when required. Working with residents who oppose development on open land near Cae Bryn Drain. Also, dealing with the application and appeal of Lôn Hir.</i> |
| <i>Street Scene</i> | <i>Meetings with the relevant Member of the Executive Board regarding the town. The main areas are routes to schools, dog fouling and general cleanliness.</i> |
| <i>Transport</i> | <i>Ensuring that empty places on school buses are filled. Campaigning for retaining public services in the town. Extending the park and ride scheme.</i> |
| <i>Education and Children</i> | <i>Governor at two schools. Member of the Corporate Parenting Panel. Regular school visits. Visiting the departments that are involved in children's services. Member of the Education and Children Scrutiny Committee.</i> |
| <i>Regeneration and Leisure</i> | <i>Carmarthen Town Forum. Working with partners to prepare a long-term plan to develop Carmarthen Town. Implementing the plan and monitoring it every two months.</i> |
| <i>Environmental Health</i> | <i>Inspecting the condition of the environment – meetings with the relevant officers.</i> |
| <i>Social Care</i> | <i>Dealing with individual situations. Keeping in contact with the Argel project. Visiting Tŷ Ni and Tŷ Hapus.</i> |
| <i>Housing</i> | <i>Meetings with the relevant Housing Officer. Visiting specific areas. Council homes improvement scheme almost completed in the ward.</i> |
| <i>General</i> | <i>Contacting residents of the ward through a newsletter. Meetings of County Councillors for Carmarthen Town. Meetings with the Police. Meetings with the appropriate Housing Associations.</i> |

Member of the following School Governing Bodies:

| School Governing Body | Meetings attended |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Ysgol Bro Myrddin Ysgol y Dderwen | Attend three meetings of the full Governing Body three times a year at both schools. Member of one sub-committee that also meets three times a year at both schools. |

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

| Outside Body | Meetings attended |
|---|--|
| Community Education Centres - Carmarthen Area Management Committee | Attend the meetings that are arranged. |
| Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) (Substitute) | None this year. |

Other activities in connection with my duties as a County Councillor:

Supporting local events and accepting invitations to various organisations.
Responding by e-mail, telephone call or visit when required within the ward.
Publishing and distributing a newsletter.

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 | Education & Children Scrutiny Committee | Appointments Committee 'A' - Directors | Planning Committee | Total number of meetings | |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|---|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Actual No held | 13 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 24 | |
| COUNCILLOR | PRESENT | PRESENT | PRESENT | PRESENT | NUMBER OF MEETINGS ATTENDED | PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE |
| Jones GO | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 92% |

SUBSTITUTE FOR COMMITTEE MEMBER

ATTENDED AS A LOCAL MEMBER