

Carmarthenshire County Council Councillor's Annual Report 2017-2018

This annual report outlines the activities of the Councillor named below for the period May 2017 to May 2018 (the Council's Municipal Year). It is provided for the information of constituents, and for no other purpose. The views expressed in the report are those of the Councillor and do not necessarily reflect the views of Carmarthenshire County Council.

Councillor: Kevin Madge	Electoral Division: Garnant
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Section 1: Role & Responsibilities
Council Committees:
County Council
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee
Appointments Committee A – Directors
Planning Committee
http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mgAttendance.aspx?UID=180

Section 2: Constituency Activities
<p>Over the last Municipal year I have undertaken 20 surgeries at Ysgol y Bedol and Garnant Club.</p> <p>Over the last Municipal year I have raised 101 enquiries relating to the Garnant Ward, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New street light at Cwmamman Road by Garnant Club.• Flashing patrol signs Cwmamman Road, Garnant.• Selling alcohol signs to under age in Cwmamman.• Golwg yr Amman Park bins to be emptied.• Graffiti at Golwg yr Amman Park.• Footpath Maesbedol to Maesyrehendre, Garnant.• Asset Transfer play areas Garnant.• Street lamp at Arcade Terrace.• Yellow lines outside 101 Cwmamman Road, Garnant.• Litter picking at Maesybedol, Garnant.• Old Garnant CP School site grass cutting.• Grass cutting and weeding in Garnant area.• Weed spraying Twyn, Garnant.• Moss on properties at Hendre Road and Maesybedol.• New bark needed at Penyrallt Park, Garnant. <p>In 2017-18 came the completion of the safe routes funding for Cwmamman. The Cwmamman Scheme includes a new footway along Folland Road and also Zebra Crossing outside Ysgol y Bedol and parent waiting shelters and cycle racks at the School.</p>

This year I have been working closely with the Town Council on Bishop Road play area with a cash injection of £10,000 from Betws Windfarm Community Benefit Fund and also £8998.19 for Cwmamman Community Centre for new furniture.

As local member I have supported the planning application at Arcade Terrace which was submitted in 2016 to Carmarthenshire County Council by Tai Dinefwr, who are applying for five residential apartments with two retail units. The development will also include car parking for 26 vehicles including two disabled bays, and I hope the project will be finished by the end of this year.

The Workmen's Hall, Garnant remains an eyesore. It has been very slow progress with the owners' planning application being in since January, but the Coal Authority objected at the last minute and the planners are waiting for a report from the owner of the Hall.

In the last year I have had many meetings with officers regarding the Cwmamman Day Centre, asking what we can do to get more activities at the Day Centre in the coming year.

Section 3: School Governing Bodies

<i>List of School Governing Bodies</i>	<i>Attendance Record</i>
Ysgol Y Bedol	Attended all meetings

Section 4: Outside Body Representation

<i>List of outside bodies</i>	<i>Attendance Record</i>
Mid & West Wales Fire Authority	Attended all meetings
Brecon Beacons National Park	Attended all meetings

Section 5: Learning & Development

15/5/17	Members' Development Session – Code of Conduct & Ethics
26/5/17	Planning Induction Training
10/10/17	Seminar – Waste & Recycling
4/12/17	Budget Seminar
6/12/17	Budget Seminar
13/12/17	Member Training on Substance Misuse
10/1/18	Member Training on Universal Credit
12/1/18	Conference – Our People
19/3/18	Seminar – Carmarthenshire Local Housing Company
27/3/18	Seminar – Financial Exploitation Safeguarding

Section 6: Other Activities and Issues

Over the last year I have worked and campaigned to pay for a brand new x ray machine for Amman Valley Hospital. The work is ongoing with the current total raised in excess of £65,000.

I have been working with the Town Council on asset transfer of play areas in the community over last year.

I am involved in the following organisations in the Community, and have undertaken work with them over the last year:

- Chairman of Garnant Branch of Royal British Legion
- Poppy Secretary of the Garnant Branch Legion
- Chairman of Cwmamman Meals on Wheels
- Chairman and Trustee of Garnant Family Centre
- Member of Amman Valley Hospital League of Friends
- Member of Garnant Church Governing Body

Signed by Councillor: K Madge

Date: 6.7.18