

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: Edward G Thomas	Electoral Division: Llandeilo & Dyffryn Cennen
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Section 1: Role & Responsibilities
<i>Council Committees:</i>
County Council
Education & Children Scrutiny Committee (Vice-Chair)
Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee
Appointments Committee A - Directors
Audit Committee
Licensing Committee (Chair)
Licensing Sub-Committee B
Welsh Language Advisory Panel
Governance Panel Llesiant Delta Wellbeing
http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mgAttendance.aspx?UID=193

Section 2: Constituency Activities
<p>I am active in the community and respond quickly to constituents enquiries. I am approachable and active on social media, publish and distribute an annual report as I feel it is important to keep constituents involved. I have held Surgeries but find that people prefer to contact me direct.</p> <p>I am still campaigning for the By-pass but I am sceptical that Welsh Government (WG) will eventually provide the £50m investment. I have campaigned against a plan envisaged by WG in Ffairfach which would have left residents with no space to park cars and a faster trunk road. Eventually after letters to WG and using the services of the Assembly Member, the plan was dropped. The speed on the A483 / A40 still concerns me and this is an ongoing issue together with the installation of a pavement in Heol Cennen.</p> <p>I want to see more social housing built in the area and also workshops on the nearby Beechwood site to encourage a diversified economy. The Town Council is working in partnership with Menter Bro Dinefwr and will be in September embarking on a major rejuvenation of the Shire Hall and this will create jobs in the remodelling of the building and its future use. I am proud that this was an initiative I brought to the Town Council. I want to see some progress on the Market Hall as this iconic building could be the catalyst for further job creation.</p>

Tourism is an important part of the area's economy and I work with both Town and Community Councils to promote the Festivals and activities within the Ward. Farming is an important part of the area and farmers are worried about the uncertainty of Brexit.

The redevelopment of the Tregib site is an important matter and I am active in trying to get a decision on its future. The three primary schools in the Ward are excellent but working in Victorian buildings which are no longer fit for purpose.

Section 3: School Governing Bodies

<i>List of School Governing Bodies</i>	<i>Attendance Record</i>	
	<i>No. of Meetings</i>	<i>%age Attendance</i>
Ysgol Gynradd Llandeilo Primary	6	100%
Ysgol Bro Dinefwr	2/4	50%

Section 4: Outside Body Representation

<i>List of outside bodies</i>	<i>Attendance Record</i>	
	<i>No. of Meetings</i>	<i>%age Attendance</i>
Mid & West Wales Fire Authority	17/24	71%
WJEC / CBAC Ltd	11/13	85%
Valuation Tribunal Wales	2/2	100%

Section 5: Learning & Development

I have attended several sessions with Carmarthenshire County Council and attended separate budget seminars with WJEC & Mid & West Wales Fire Authority. Also a training session with Valuation Tribunal Wales.

Section 6: Other Activities and Issues

I am a member of Llandeilo Fawr Town Council and represent Twyi Ward. I was Deputy mayor in 2017/18 and was elected Mayor for 2018/19. I have chaired the following Sub Group and committees within the Town Council:

- Finance
- Asset Transfer
- Shire Hall

I am pleased that under my guidance and Chairmanship we have secured a partnership with Menter Bro Dinefwr to renovate the Shire Hall at a total cost of £2M. Successfully transferred the two parks into the care of the Town Council and committed an investment of £40k to rejuvenate the parks.

In addition I chair Llandeilo & District Sports Association and as well as distributing over £2,000 in grants, we have held successful Sports for All Events allowing children and adults to try out different sports.

I am a director of Tregib Sports Facilities Limited which is a not for profit company providing sports facilities in the area on the Tregib Campus.

Member of various local clubs and societies including Town Twinning, Ex Round Tabler. Also on the committee of Llandeilo AFC & Executive Committee Llandeilo Civic Trust.

Signed by Councillor: Edward G Thomas

Date: 29/07/18