

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: Elwyn Williams	Electoral Division: Llangunnor
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Section 1: Role & Responsibilities
Council Committees:
Full Council
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee
Audit Committee
Dyfed Pension Fund Committee (Chair)
Licensing Committee (Vice-Chair)
Licensing Sub-Committee 'A'
http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mqAttendance.aspx?UID=156

Section 2: Constituency Activities
<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to write my sixth annual report as your County Councillor.</p> <p>To be an effective Councilor, working for what is important for the people I represent means attending Council meetings and fighting for the interests of the people that live in Llangynnwr and the whole County. This year, 2017-18, I have attended all the scheduled meetings and have a 100% attendance record.</p> <p>Housing I am pleased to report the number of publicly owned houses is now increasing locally, resulting in more of our young people being able to stay in our County.</p> <p>Young people Young care leavers who are some of the most vulnerable people in our County will now be supported by the decision to ensure they pay no Council Tax until they are 21. The County Council has ensured that a uniform grant is still available for children in need.</p> <p>Our Environment Two recent Council developments have improved our community. The redesign of Llangynnwr Road to encourage walking and cycling and has resulted in new drop curbs, clearer bus stop markings, a safer junction at the Capel Dewi junction and new cycle paths. These changes will help to ensure that we will be able to reduce the speed limit on the road from 40 to 30 mph. The speeding on this road was one of the most frequently raised issue at the last election. As the local Councillor I authorised the spend on the new footpath from Awel Tywi and Bryn Tywi to the bus stop on Llangynnwr Road.</p>

Casework

I have been contacted by many people in the community about Council issues, from planning concerns to housing issues. If you would like to speak to me about constituency issues please contact me.

Local Development Plan (LDP)

The County Council is preparing a new Local Development Plan that will run from 2012-2033. If you have a plot of land that isn't included in the present LDP, or a plot of land that you would like removed from the Plan you need to get in touch with me or the Planning Department by the start of August.

Section 3: School Governing Bodies

I have been a Governor of Ysgol Llangynnwr for nearly 13 years and have seen how the School has grown significantly over that period. The School is now so popular there is a waiting list for places. I will continue to support the School as it develops to ensure that our pupils receive an education that will provide everyone with the skills that are required for the 21st century.

Section 4: Outside Body Representation

As a senior member of the Mid & West Wales Fire Authority I have campaigned successfully to keep local fire stations open. Investment has been focused on frontline services. This has ensured there has been no reduction in the current high standard in blue light responses.

The Fire Service has saved £6 million, or 20% of its budget since 2006.

Signed by Councillor: Elwyn Williams

Date: 26/09/18