

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: Deryk Cundy	Electoral Division: Bynea
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Section 1: Role & Responsibilities
Council Committees:
Full Council
Community Scrutiny Committee
Appointments Committee 'A' - Directors
<u>http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mqAttendance.aspx?UID=135</u>

Section 2: Constituency Activities
<p>Bynea is punching above its weight with the installation of the Closed Cycle Circuit in Pembrey. This all stemmed from an idea by Terry Davies (Rugby Legend) and taken forward by Bynea Cycle Club, Cycling Wales, British Cycling, Carmarthenshire County Council and myself. What started as a meeting in Soar Chapel four years ago has ended up, after a lot of hard work by many people with a £500,000 investment in safe cycling for everyone at Pembrey Country Park and subsequently attracted the Start of the Tour of Britain. Of course it was fortunate that Geraint Thomas won the Tour de France, the first Welshman to do so and was able to ride locally in celebration of his feat. Bynea Cycle Club have made use of the facility already a number of times helping people to train, so this just goes to show what we can do when we work together.</p> <p>I have worked with the Bio Diversity Officers of Carmarthenshire County Council and, in consequence, the Nature Reserve at Berwick has been increased in size and officially designated, which allows for us all to enjoy the protected site with its unique flora and fauna and gentle walks.</p> <p>On a more prosaic note I have had a number of parking restrictions, in the form of Double Yellow Lines installed at the request of residents, to prevent dangerous obstructions from blocking exits onto main roads, where access to properties have been restricted by inconsiderate parking, especially outside schools. There are more of these schemes underway to prevent accidents and to allow emergency vehicles access to where they are most needed. This brings us on to speeding and you will have noticed that more electronic warning signs and speed limit signs have been installed to advise people to drive slower. This is purely to save lives and I cannot stress enough that the safety of the people of Bynea is my greatest priority. Please be careful when you are driving. Most of our estates now have 20 mph restrictions which are there to protect the children and the not so sprightly. Even so, recently there have been accidents and near misses in Cwmfelin Road, Penderri Road, Trallwm Road and Genwen Road.</p>

The Bynea District Forum has been working hard to raise funds from contributions from the area (many of you will have already contributed) and has already installed 2 defibrillators at Saron Hall and Phillips Garage, with a further one to be installed at the Gospel Hall in Station Road. They are also working to provide a Christmas Tree and Lights with support from the Rural Council and local businesses.

Brynsierfel and Bynea schools have had funding for the “sheds project” which is being hailed as a success for both schools, coming from S106 money. Both the Rugby and Cycle Clubs have also been able to access money through the County Council for projects they are running which we have managed to obtain.

Other main issues revolve around poor Broadband access in Bynea and after intervention by myself, Lee Waters (AM) and Nia Griffith (MP) many people have managed to use ResQ – a microwave network operation to get increased speeds. We are still awaiting BT to finish installing fibre optic locally and have no end date as yet.

The Trallwm Hall Committee continues to provide free cooked lunches to local children in the holidays and are doing an excellent job. Both our Rural Community Halls (Saron and Trallwm) are thriving through the efforts of local volunteers and providing the space and support for clubs to meet and activities to take place.

Some of you may have noticed that the Genwen Quarry is up for sale. I have made representation to the Forward Planners for allocations within the next Local Development Plan to have this land kept as open space and for recreation, as I have also done for the Gwndwn Mawr area.

Those are the most high profile issues but there are many more that I have helped with. If you feel that I can help you in any way please do not hesitate to contact me on 07850 153837 or email me at Dcundy@carmarthenshire.gov.uk and, if you wish, I will come and meet with you.

Signed by Councillor: Deryk Cundy

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