

## Carmarthenshire County Council Councillor's Annual Report 2019-2020

This annual report outlines the activities of the Councillor named below for the period May 2019 to May 2020 (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.

<b>Councillor: Edward Thomas</b>	<b>Electoral Division: Llandeilo</b>
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<b>Section 1: Role &amp; Responsibilities</b>
<b><i>Council Committees:</i></b>
Full Council
Education & Children Scrutiny Committee (Vice-Chair)
Licensing Committee (Chair)
Licensing Sub-Committee (B)
Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding Panel
Welsh Language Advisory Panel
<b><i>Attendance Record:</i></b> <a href="https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mgAttendance.aspx?UID=193">https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/mgAttendance.aspx?UID=193</a>

<b>Section 2: Constituency Activities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I continue to be active within my community, responding and dealing with constituents' issues. The debate on the A483T Strategic Road Improvement continues, with the Welsh Government producing various options, many of which are not feasible - a further delay until 2025 had been announced. I am not optimistic that work will ever commence on the bypass, but I continue to work for the bypass and a solution to the traffic chaos and pollution affecting the town.</li><li>• Parking, or rather the lack in spaces, continues to be an issue and we are searching for solutions.</li><li>• Llandeilo is one of the 10 Towns Rural Initiative, which was announced in late 2019. Unfortunately the Covid 19 crisis has prevented any work on the project. This initiative will become important to regenerate the economy of the area.</li><li>• Work on the Shire Hall had started prior to lockdown and it is hoped this will be finished after a 3 month delay in January 2021. The Old Provisions Market Hall was due to start in April but it is hoped that this work will start in October 2020. Both these projects are initiatives I have pursued and will hopefully regenerate that part of town and create jobs. I would like the Beechwood Industrial Zone to be extended with more units to encourage business opportunities.</li><li>• Llandeilo &amp; the immediate area is short of social housing. In order to retain Llandeilo youngsters in the community they grew up in, this coupled with job creation, needs to be one of the main focus of our efforts going forward.</li></ul>

- Llandeilo has excellent schools but the local Authority needs to consider making a decision about a super primary school on the Tregib site and I was pursuing them up until Covid19 lockdown.

### Part 3: School Governing Bodies

<i>List of School Governing Bodies</i>	<i>Attendance Record</i>	
	<i>Number of meetings</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Ysgol Gynradd Llandeilo Primary	10	80%
Ysgol Bro Dinefwr	10	80%

### Section 4: Outside Body Representation

<i>List of outside bodies</i>	<i>Attendance Record</i>	
	<i>Number of meetings</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
Welsh Joint Education Committee	10	100%
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service	6	83%
Llandeilo Town Council	27	100%

### Section 5: Learning & Development

I attend wherever possible courses, seminars and workshops offered by Carmarthenshire County Council or the other bodies I am associated with.

### Section 6: Other Activities and Issues

- I remain a member of Llandeilo Town Council representing Twyi Ward and I am the Chair of the Finance Committee and Chair of Parks Management Group.
- I am the Chairman of Clwb Pêl-droed Llandeilo AFC – Seniors and a member of the Junior section committee.
- I remain the Chairman of Llandeilo & District Sports Association, which distributes grants in excess of £2,000 to affiliated sports clubs.
- I am the Treasurer of the Llandeilo Covid 19 Community Support set up as an initiative of Llandeilo Town Council and have helped get grants totalling £12,000 for the Food Hub.
- I am also the Treasurer of Llandeilo & District Dementia Friendly Group and pleased that our work has been recognised by Alzheimer's UK and Llandeilo is now a town working to Dementia Friendly.

- I am one of the 3 Directors on Tregib Sports Facilities Limited – a not for profit company running the sports facilities at Tregib since 2016.
- I am a member of Llandeilo Town Twinning, Llandeilo Ex Round Tablers, Llandeilo & District Civic Trust and try to support events and activities in the area. However, Covid19 has severely restricted activities but hopefully things can return to normal in 2021.

**Signed by Councillor: E. G. Thomas**

**Date: 22/10/20**