

## Carmarthenshire County Council Councillor's Annual Report 2015-2016

This annual report outlines the activities of the Councillor named below for the period May 2015 to May 2016 (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>Council Committees</b>	<b>Attendance Record</b>	
	Number	In Attendance
County Council	14	14
Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee	6	4
Community Scrutiny Committee (Vice-Chair)	7	6
Joint Community Scrutiny Committee and Planning Committee	2	2
Joint Community and Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee	1	1
Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee		2*
Audit	5	5
Member Appointments Committee		2*
*Attended as substitute		

<b>Section 2: Constituency Activities</b>
<p>I hold regular surgeries usually on the first Thursday of the month at Llandeilo and Llandyfan, but I also call in Trap Community Centre en route to Llandyfan to meet constituents. I am approachable and welcome being approached by constituents. In addition to the regular constituency surgery, I have responded to a request from residents of Maes Elfryn Complex and have started a monthly surgery there also.</p> <p>I have attended Dyffryn Cennen Community Council monthly meetings and I give a report to each meeting and respond to any enquiries and try and resolve any issues. I also attend Llandeilo Town Council where I am a member representing Twyi Ward, but in my capacity as County Councillor I circulate written report and answer any enquiries. I deal promptly with enquiries using the Democratic Service Unit. I serve on a number of Town Council Sub Groups and I am an observer on Festival of Senses Committee.</p> <p>I have succeeded in persuading SWTRA to install additional LED lights on the belisha beacon, but I am still not satisfied that this is sufficient and will continue to press for a Puffin crossing.</p> <p>I attend as many events in the Ward and try to support concerts, social events. I make a point of supporting Llandeilo RFC &amp; Llandeilo AFC home games. I am a member of a number of societies in the area including Town Twinning, Ex Round Tablers, Civic Trust.</p>

<b>Section 3: School Governing Bodies</b>		
<b>List of School Governing Bodies</b>	<b>Attendance Record</b>	
	Number	In Attendance
Ysgol Gynradd Llandeilo Primary	4	4
Ysgol Bro Dinefwr	2	3

<b>Section 4: Outside Body Representation</b>		
<b>List of outside bodies</b>	<b>Attendance Record</b>	
	Number	In Attendance
Corporate Parenting	1	
Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue services	12	12
West Wales Valuation Tribunal	1	1

**Section 5: Learning & Development**

I have attended various internal training courses provided by Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC), including Safeguarding, Equality & Diversification, IT Training, Corporate Strategy including Budget seminars.

In respect of my membership of School Governing Bodies, I have attended 2 mandatory training sessions.

I have attended Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Local Pension Board Training, Press & Media provided by outside consultants for M&WW Fire and various Budget Strategy Updates.

This year I was selected by CCC to attend Leadership Academy Workshops held over 3 weekends from November 2015 to January 2016. This was operated by Welsh Local Government Association on behalf of Welsh Government and Academi Cymru and proved to be very interesting and rewarding.

**Section 6: Other Activities and Issues**

I am working with officers to find a solution to the sporting facilities at Tregib. Once the school moves out in July, there was no system in place to retain the pitches, shower facilities etc. for the numerous clubs that use the pitches and this is not acceptable and a solution needs to be found.

I chair the new formed Llandeilo & District Sports Association and it has met several times and is proving to be a valuable communication / self help vehicle for the clubs and societies.

I am still campaigning for a by-pass to solve the traffic congestion in Llandeilo, and also the high levels of nitrogen dioxide in the centre of Town. Welsh Government have Llandeilo on the transport plan but I suspect funds may be diverted to M4 extension around Newport.

Car parking continues to a major issue and I am trying to engage CCC in an idea to provide additional car parking but there would be a capital injection needed. Llandeilo needs more car parking spaces.

The Market Hall plans are progressing and will need grant funding but hopefully in 2/3 years time, this iconic Grade 2 building will regenerate that part of Town. I have provided support to the Llandeilo Public Hall & Literary Institute Management Group who are looking to rescue this old building.

The Town Council is progressing with Asset Transfer and I am Chairman of this sub group. A public consultation was recently held and public reaction was overwhelmingly in support. The Town Council will make its final decision shortly and hopefully by 2017, these parks can be returned to the care of the people of Llandeilo.

I am currently working with officers and neighbouring Llandybie County Councillors for a road safety scheme from Derwydd to Llandyfan and hopefully by late 2016, the scheme will be in place and will improve road safety. The issues surrounding Brecon Carreg deliveries have been resolved with a great deal of co-operation from the company and their hauliers.

**Signed by Councillor: E G Thomas**

**Date: 25/05/16**