

## Members Annual Reports

Annual Report by Councillor June Marshall, Menai Ward, Bangor. 2012-2013 as defined by the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

*The aim of the Annual Report is to improve communication between Elected Member and the public, in other words, presenting factual information to individuals of the ward.*

### 1. Council Meetings attended.

**Full council:** 6 meetings attended. 1 meeting missed as I was attending the funeral of a close family member.

**Planning:** 12 meetings attended. 2 missed.

**Corporate Scrutiny Committee:** 4 meetings attended. 1 meeting missed as I was attending the funeral of a close family member.

#### **Scrutiny Working groups:**

- (i) Scrutiny Investigation (Systems Thinking). 9 meetings attended, including interviewing Council Officers and a Primary School Headmaster.
- (ii) Rural Agenda. 1 meeting attended to date: the project is on-going.

#### **Bangor Projects group:**

2 meetings

#### **Working Groups:**

I attended two meetings of the working group on Area Committees.

I attended one working group to develop training.

### 2. Training courses attended.

I attended 6 training sessions: Change management, Questioning techniques, Planning, I pad, Educational Performance and Child Protection.

### 3. Seminars

I attended 2 regional seminars for North Wales elected members at Venue Cymru, Llandudno.

2 seminars of The Joint Local development Plan

1 seminar on Gwynedd's financial strategy

### 4. Workshops

I attended 2 workshops on Gwynedd's Strategic Plan

5. Outside bodies on which I represent Gwynedd Council

**Ysgol Cae Top Governing Body:** 4 meetings attended

**Bangor University Liaison Group:** 2 meetings attended

6. Other meetings attended as a Gwynedd Councillor.

North Wales probation Trust, Extra Care Housing, Llanfairfechan, Extra Care Housing, Bangor, Opening of Siop Gwynedd, Caernarfon, Opening of Time Line, Bangor.

7. Meetings arranged with Gwynedd officers to discuss ward problems

I attended 11 meetings with individual officers to discuss ward issues and problems. These were mostly held on site in Upper Bangor and often were as a result of complaints made by residents. Matters investigated were: refuse problems, potholes, uneven pavements, drains, lack of bins, houses in multiple occupation, multi use cycle tracks and the building of a wall on Holyhead Road, allotments, moving a bus stop, improved signage for the elderly, improved road safety.

8. Site meetings with other officers

I met with University officers regarding re-planting the entrance to Neuadd Reichel and I accompanied PCSO Ian Edwards walking round Upper Bangor to identify any problems.

9. Other activities

I act as Secretary to the Upper Bangor Society, a residents' group which I helped to found over 20 years ago. The Committee meets monthly and this is an opportunity for a most useful two way dialogue. As a Gwynedd Councillor, I can report on general issues, such as planning or licensing applications, which affect the area and I can tell members what I have been doing. Members can report any problems which they have noticed and I can pass these on to the relevant officers. We also hold occasional coffee mornings, with speakers such as the local police officers, and these again provide an opportunity for residents to tell me of any worries or problems.