## ANNUAL REPORT - 2013/14

Councillor: Mandy Williams-Davies Group: Plaid Cymru

**Ward:** Blaenau Ffestiniog – Diffwys and Maenofferen

## Purpose of the annual report:

The aim of the Annual Report is to assist the electorate to become better informed of the work and activities of their elected local authority member during the year.

#### Role and responsibilities:

For me, 2013/14 was a busy and interesting year of combining the work of the Council, completing the Welsh Local Government Association's Leadership Course and chairing Blaenau Ffestiniog Town Council.

#### Constituency activities:

Chair Ffestiniog Town Council

Blaenau Ymlaen – member of the strategic board responsible for the town improvements project

Cwmni Bro

Packaging the Experience – a project to attract funding to promote marketing of the area

Chamber of Commerce

Police/Transport Police Forum

Arranging and introducing discussion evenings, the 'Nosweithiau Capal' project along with 'Cell b' and Tecwyn Ifan

Member of the Community Centre committee

I attended meetings of Age Cymru – a project that is now achieving outcomes with a successful application for a good ageing centre

Meetings regarding developments in Llechwedd.

#### Other initiatives and activities:

England and Wales Constructing Excellence Awards on behalf of Blaenau Ymlaen

Starting Antur Stiniog's international cycling competition

Opening of Antur Stiniog's shop

Celebration of Tanygrisiau power station's 50 years anniversary

A day with Arriva Cymru, promoting the north Wales railway line and its importance to Blaenau Ffestiniog.

# I attended the following Committees:

COMMITTEE	PRESENT
The Council	2
Communities Scrutiny Committee	2
Democratic Services Committee	2
Language Committee	3
Local Joint Consultative Committee	1
Services Scrutiny Committee Preparatory Meeting	3
Meirionnydd Area Forum	2

Percentage of Attendance: 56%

### I participated in the following additional meetings, seminars, investigations and workshops:

Scrutiny Investigations, e.g. Bangor Pride

Strategic Plan Workshop

Financial Strategy and Savings Seminar

Joint Local Development Plan Seminar with Isle of Anglesey Council

Corporate Health, Safety and Welfare Panel (chairing)

Meetings of Meirionnydd schools and Ysgol y Moelwyn Catchment Area schools organisation workshops.

I represented Gwynedd Council on the following	I represented Gwynedd Council in the
outside bodies:	following meetings:
Gwynedd and Anglesey Adoption Panel	
Ysgol y Moelwyn (Governor)	
Ysgol Maenofferen (Governor)	
Integrated Health Committee	

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

Corporate	
Authority and Schools Performance Data	
School Governance and Safeguarding Children	
Information about People: Your Own Responsibility	
Housing Allocation Policy and Statutory Responsibilities	
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Additional	
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Effective Chairing Skills (WLGA)	
Communication (Influencing/Negotiating Skills)	

Total number of hours: 17

As you can see from the above list, the work is very varied but interesting and exciting with an opportunity to assist and support projects in my ward and in Gwynedd. I enjoy the work and I am committed to it. Assisting in resolving personal problems of people in the Diffwys and Maenofferen ward has also been an important part of my work over the past year and this work is as important as the list above.