ANNUAL REPORT- 2014/15

Councillor: Ann Williams Group: Plaid Cymru

Ward: Ogwen

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:

Ogwen Ward Member, Bethesda

Member of the following committees: Services Scrutiny, Licensing, Employment Appeals, Bangor Ogwen

Area Forum

The following constituency activities were held:

Holding informal surgeries to receive complaints and comments from my constituents

Attending the surgeries of Hywel Williams MP and Alun Ffred AM in the valley regularly

Supporting and advising individual constituents, and groups of constituents with a number of matters

Keeping a watchful eye on the state of the Ward as I go about my work

Campaigning regularly and strongly to improve the dog fouling and litter situation in my ward

Communicating with and meeting regularly with Council officers regarding matters concerning the ward

Succeeding in getting the Council to resurface Ffordd Bryn Coetmor

Ensuring that the ward in its entirety receives fair attention from the Council

Regular contact with the Police regarding law and order in the ward

Regular contact with Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd to ensure the well-being of tenants

Currently collaborating with Arriva to improve bus services in the Dyffryn Ogwen area

Currently working with an Assembly Member and members of other groups to attempt to revive the bus service from Bethesda to Betws-v-Coed.

Attended a consultation regarding the future of the ward's library

Attended meetings with Council officers to discuss the future of Cefnfaes Centre

Attended meetings with relevant officers regarding raising fees in two car parks in my ward

I'm collaborating with Council Officers to resolve speeding issues in some areas of the ward

The highlight of the year was being one of the organisers of the St.David's Day parade and collaborating with Ogwen Partnership, the Community Council, Neuadd Ogwen's Manager to create a very successful day.

The following initiatives and activities were held:

Member of Bro Dyffryn Ogwen Pride Group that operates to maintain the tidiness of the valley – for example, picking up litter, hanging baskets, cleaning graffiti off the walls and buildings on the High Street Bethesda Community Council Member

Ogwen Partnership Member

Llys Dafydd Committee Member

Parch group Member - Working to get a skate-park in Bethesda

Canolfan Cefnfaes Management Committee - Secretary

Caban (Gerlan) Management Committee Member

Caban Cysgu Committee Member

Glanogwen Church Parish Council Member

Penrhyn Quarry Liaision Committee Member

Supporting Gorffwysfan Older People's Club

Assisting with the Dyffryn Ogwen Agricultural Show

Assisting with community paper, Llais Ogwen, as a local reporter

Assisting with the Dyffryn Ogwen Eisteddfod

Eleanor Jones Appeal, Vice Treasurer. Raising money to buy equipment for Alaw Ward. We have raised

close to £35,000 thus far, and we have purchased various pieces of equipment for the ward

Visits to Plas Ogwen Retirement Home

Organising coffee mornings to raise money for good causes

I attended the following Committees:

COMMITTEE	PRESENT	
The Council	5	
Services Scrutiny Committee	5	

Central/General Licensing Committee	4
Central Licensing Sub Committee	4
Employment Appeals Committee	2
Preparatory Meeting for Services Scrutiny Committee	4
Ogwen Area Forum	4

Percentage of Attendance: 97%

I was unable to attend the following Committee(s) due to the following reasons:

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

Scrutiny Investigation 'From Hospital to Home'

I represented Gwynedd Council on the following	I represented Gwynedd Council in the following
outside bodies:	meetings:
Ysgol Penybryn (Governor)	-
Ysgol Abercaseg (Governor)	
Canolfan Cefnfaes	

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

Corporate	Date
Effective Governance	9/4/2014
Waste Strategy	7/5/2014
Workshops on Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults	7/5/2014 + 24/6/2014 + 4/7/2014
Transforming Social Services	17/9/2014
Webcasting	26/11/2014
Safe Leadership	5/12/2014
Categorising Schools – The New Procedure	14/1/2015
Corporate Parenting	25/2/2015

Additional	Date
Planning Training	21/5/2014

Total Number of hours: 27.5 hours