

ANNUAL REPORT- 2014/15

Councillor: Lesley Day	Group: Independent
Ward: Bangor - Garth	
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: Chairman of the Democratic Services Committee, Champion for Members' Training, Member of The Council, Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Standards Committee, Local Joint Consultative Committee, Bangor Project Group and Ogwen Area Forum	
The following constituency activities were held: I receive a considerable number of telephone calls, emails and letters from residents seeking help and advice from Planning Issues to Refuse Collection. I also hold a monthly surgery by appointment. In Garth we have experienced some planning issues including Y Caban - Pontio's Structure/Sculpture, Bron Derw - accommodation for 33 students and Dickie's Boatyard - permission for the importing of inert material to raise existing ground levels at the former Dickies Boatyard phase II. I have consulted with residents and arranged public meetings if necessary to ensure that, as a community, we respond to these planning applications. I held site meetings and inspections with Gwynedd Council Officers, in particular looking at parking, road signs and markings, state of roads and pavements including potholes, weeds, cleanliness and rights of way. Meirion Road has now been mostly resurfaced, but we are waiting for Wales and West Utilities to replace their gas pipes so that Gwynedd Council can resurface the section at the top to Love Lane to College Road. I held site meetings with Police, Gwynedd Council Officers and local residents regarding the ongoing issues at Roman Camp which are now being carefully monitored including parties, noise, litter, fires and camping. I am regularly involved in meetings and phone calls to resolve recycling, food collection, rubbish and fly tipping issues, and any problems caused to local residents. I have been liaising between police and residents regarding specific issues such as break-ins, malicious damage and homeless people camping at inappropriate unsafe sites.	
The following initiatives and activities were held: I am Chairman of Garth community Centre where we try to provide classes and services which we believe will interest the local people and also provide a small income for the Centre in terms of rental. We believe that this also provides a work opportunity for anyone who provides classes. The Centre acts as a focal point for the community. I am a Bangor City Councillor and represent the Garth ward. This year we had a big initiative to submit a Bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore Garth Pier and realise a pontoon. I held a workshop about the Garth Pier which was well attended by local residents who gave the Bid their backing by writing letters of support. I am a member of the Bangor University Liaison Group whose membership includes the University, Students' Union, Police, Gwynedd and Bangor City Councillors where we have discuss and resolve issues such as Student accommodation, use of University buildings and Pontio. I am the Treasurer for the Bangor Soest Twinning Association. Over the past 40 years we have had many exchanges – schools, choirs, councillors, sport and other groups have enjoyed their exchanges and made firm friends. We were pleased to have a school exchange from Soest in September 2014 and must thank residents for hosting the young people. We hope to have a return visit to Soest in September, 2015.	
I attended the following Committees:	
COMMITTEE	Present

The Council	3
Corporate Scrutiny Committee	2
Corporate Scrutiny Preparatory Committee	3
Democratic Services Committee	4
Planning Committee (as local member)	1
Standards Committee (appointed at December Council)	2
Ogwen Area Forum	1

Percentage of Attendance: 59%

I was not able to attend the following Committee(s) due to the following reasons:

Full Council in October and December 2014 because I was attending the Leadership Academy in Wrexham on 8th and 9th October, 5 and 6th November and 3rd and 4th December, 2014
 Corporate Scrutiny on 13th November due to a family bereavement
 Corporate Scrutiny on 15th January due to illness
 Corporate Scrutiny on 26th March due to professional reviews in Cardiff

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

Scrutiny Forums
 Informal Cabinet and Scrutiny Forum
 Efficiency Savings Scrutiny Forums
 Scrutiny Investigation
 Strategic Plan Workshops
 Savings Workshops
 Licence Review
 Access to High Street Bangor Review
 Engaging with the Community Working Group
 Bangor Students' Union Tenants' Forum
 Diversity Group
 Special Regulatory Meeting
 Standards Appointment Panel

I represented Gwynedd Council on the following outside bodies:

Ysgol Hiraal (School Governor)
 Traeth Lafan Local Nature Reserve Management Committee

I represented Gwynedd Council in the following meetings:

Joint Member Support Officer/ Lead Member Support
 North Wales Practice Exchange Meetings
 Remunerations Panel
 Briefing on Local Government Measure 2011
 Welsh Government Briefing on White Paper –
 Reforming Local Government: Power to Local People

I attended the following Learning and Development training sessions:

Corporate	Date
Waste Strategy	7/5/2014
Leading Communities through Change	2/7/2014
Committee Arrangements	29/7/2014
Webcasting	26/11/2014
Safe Leadership	5/12/2014
Further training on Webcasting (Chairs & Vice Chairs)	12/1/2015
Corporate Parenting	25/2/2015
Additional	Date
Planning Training	21/5/2014
Speed Reading	2/7/2014
Safeguarding Children	4/7/2014
Communication Skills (Influencing & Negotiating)	14/11/2014
Effective Presentations	9/1/2015 + 23/1/2015
Leadership Academy	6 days of training

Total Number of hours = 85.5