



## WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT

This is the report by the Councillor below regarding their key activities over the municipal year ending March 2018. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose.

#### *Completion instructions*

*Councillors are free to include as much or as little information as they wish in each section, however, the report is to be kept to a 2 page (maximum) format.*

**Councillor: Robert Walsh**

**Party: Welsh Liberal Democrats**

**Ward: Llay**

#### **Section 1: Role and Responsibilities:**

I sit on the following Committees (attendance figures supplied by WCBC):

1. Chair – Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee
2. Chair – Joint Consultative Committee (Teaching)
3. Vice-Chair – Schools Forum
4. Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group
5. Planning Committee
6. Audit Committee
7. Full Council
8. Rota Visit's to Children's Homes Panel
9. School Transport (Hazardous Routes Appeals) Panel
10. Grievance Committee

I sit on the following external Committees (attendance figures supplied by Councillor):

1. Llay Community Council (Llay Park Ward)
2. Chair of Governors – Darland High School
3. Governor at Llay Park C.P. School
4. Vice-Chair of Friends of Alyn Waters Committee
5. Llay Park Resource Centre Management Committee

#### **Section 2: Constituency Activity:**

1. Produce the quarterly newsletter "Llay Focus" that is delivered to all residents informing them of all the latest news.
2. Work on a daily basis assisting residents with a variety of issues, mainly related to housing and the environment.
3. Spoke out publicly against the decision made by the First Minister/Planning Inspectorate to grant planning permission to a large housing development on Gresford Road.
4. Have publicly campaigned against the inadequate bus service residents have in parts of Llay.
5. Have undertaken audits of broken streetlights in the ward and reported these to department.
6. Encouraged residents to submit their views regarding planning application in Llay, particularly those that plan the development of new houses.
7. Encouraged residents to participate in the Difficult Decisions consultation to enable them to have their say.

8. Have a very good working relationship with my fellow local member Councillor Bryan Apsley as well as most members of Llay Community Council, bringing a good team ethos to Llay.
9. Spoke out against the decision to charge for car parking at Alyn Waters Country Park due to concerns of the knock-on effect it would have on the wider community.
10. Meet as often as possible with the Gwersyllt Estate Office Manager, the Streetscene Co-Ordinator for Llay and also the local PCSO to discuss community concerns.
11. Kept residents informed about major planning applications both the Llay Royal British Legion site and the forthcoming detailed planning for the Gresford Road site.

**Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities:**

1. Arranged alongside Keep Wales Tidy, a litter pick in Nant Y Gaer Woods.
2. Alongside my colleagues on Llay Community Council, we have managed to purchase an old community red telephone kiosk from BT that is located on Croeshowell. Plan is to consult with community as what to use it for and where to locate in the future.
3. Held a public meeting with the police to enable residents to voice their concerns about anti-social behaviour in the community.
4. Held 2 public meetings about the Local Development Deposit Plan in Llay to try and guide residents through the consultation process as well as listen to their major concerns.

**Section 4: Learning & Development Undertaken:**

1. Have attended various training sessions provided by the council as well as workshops on various subjects throughout the calendar year.
2. Have attended special training sessions provided specifically for both the Planning Committee and Audit Committee.

**Section 5: Other Activities and Issues:**

1. Chair – Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee that has overseen issues such as “School Standards”, “Education Budget or 2018/19” and has questioned GwE on 2 occasions.
2. Held regular meetings with both the Lead Member and Head of Education in relation to forthcoming committee agenda items.
3. Have helped form and subsequently Chair the “School Improvement Group” that goes out to schools to scrutinise work undertaken by the Senior Leadership Team and Governing Body.
4. As Chair of Governors at Darland High School, I oversee the school’s strategic objectives meeting with the headteacher on a regular basis.
5. Agreed along with the Darland High School Governing Body, to allow headteacher to be seconded to Rhosnesni High School for 5 months to help with improvements there.
6. Play an active role in all the other committees I am a member of eg. Planning.
7. Sometimes attends the Executive Board meetings and ask questions to Lead Members.
8. Have attended Scrutiny Committee meetings (that I am not a member of) to participate in topical items.
9. Have attended Planning Policy Panel meetings expressing opinions/concerns about Local Development Plan.
10. Have visited Tapley Avenue children’s home as part of the rota visit schedule, including attending their Halloween Party.
11. Attended a citizenship ceremony for Llay residents at the Guildhall.

**Signature of Councillor:** *R. O. Walsh*

**Date:** *29/07/2018*