



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 2019. 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: PD Jones

Party: Labour

Ward: Maesydre

Section 1: Role and Responsibilities:

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

Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee (Task and Finish group Groves Building (subgroup))

Planning Committee

JCC Teaching and non-Teaching unions

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

Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership (80%).

Acton Community Council (Vice Chair) (80%)

LEA Governor: Rhosnesni High School (100%)

Labour Group committee meeting

Section 2: Constituency Activity:

Produced and delivered Maesydre newsletters informing residents of upcoming issues and an update of tasks completed within the ward. Issues ranged from the proposal to place a primary school on Nine Acres, Wrexham AFC proposal to utilise part of the Groves site as a training ground to the successful implementation of container homes at TY Nos. Tasks ranged from the installation of Virgin Media broadband, the resurfacing of Park Avenue, two new benches at Russell Grove and new bins at Chester Road and Rhosnesni shops. Successful Environmental Day, which included a litter pick of the estate and a large skip filled with bulk rubbish for disposal. Conducted a monthly walkabout of Maesydre with the Streetscene Supervisor and Housing Officer to review the area and rectify identified problems. All received requests have been responded to within three working days and where possible twenty-four hours. Most requests have been satisfactorily concluded.

Section 3: Initiatives and Special Activities:

Worked in partnership with council officers and elected members to help retain Hightown Barracks, Wrexham Magistrates Court, Citizens Advice Bureau and develop a possible way forward for the utilisation of the listed Groves Building.

Worked alongside colleagues to facilitate temporary accommodation for the homeless at Ty Nos. This initiative is now operational and providing help to those who demonstrate a desire to change. Going forward, two additional containers could be installed at the site providing funding becomes available from the Welsh Government. Personally, I would like one of the containers specifically designated for Armed Forces personnel who require this type of support.

Section 4: Learning & Development Undertaken:

Code of Conduct training.

All Member Workshops – various topics (too many to list)

Continuous Professional Development

Budgetary Workshops

Planning Committee

Skills for effective scrutiny

School Governor Induction

Data analysis for schools

Section 5: Other Activities and Issues:

Represented Maesydre as Vice Chair of Acton Community Council by laying a wreath at Bodhyfryd Memorial to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War One. Through Acton Community Council a 'Silent Soldier' was purchased and located at Bodhyfryd to commemorate the same event. £150 of the purchase price went to support service personnel who have fallen upon difficult times. Additionally, two benches have been placed at the war memorial marking the centenary of WW1 and the 75th anniversary of D Day. As an Armed Forces Veteran, I was pleased to help with each of these activities.

Continued to meet with the Council Leader and Lead Member for Education to promote the utilisation of the Groves site.

Continued to Work collaboratively with neighbouring councillors on town centre issues.

Signature of Councillor: PD Jones

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