

Chair's End of Year Report 2018

Colleagues,

May I take this opportunity of thanking you all for the confidence in appointing me as Chair of the Association for the past year. It has been an honour and a privilege to work alongside you and to hold this position for the third time.

My task as Chair has been made both easy and pleasurable by the high level of support received from the members.

The Association met on 4 occasions, July, October, January and April.

Some of the highlights included discussions on:

Local Government Re-organisation, which included a very successful seminar in response to the Wales Government Consultation Paper.

The Renumeration Panel for Wales Annual Report was received and discussed at length.

The Estyn Report for Primary Schools in Wales.

The Rail Francise for Wales was presented by our Clerk.

A consultation on the New Data Protection Act was also discussed at great length.

Our Guest speaker at our April meeting in Welshpool was Mr Robert Williams, head of Nuclear Waste Disposal for Wales who stated the need for a ground disposal facility in an area yet to be decided.

Councillor Arnold Woolley presented an excellent paper on Waste and Recycling matters in response to the Wales Government Zero Waste Charter.

The Wales Government Document on Locations of Sites for Travellers.

Your Executive Committee also met on 4 occasions. These meetings being held in Rhyl and our thanks go to Rhyl Town Council for hosting these.

I would like to thank on behalf of the Association Mr. Ian Jones, Town Clerk of Bangor City Council and Mr. Robert Robinson for their comprehensive reports on both the Betsi Cadwallader University Health Board and Mid Wales Health Board respectively.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to thank the host councils for their support in arranging venues and the excellent catering facilities provided.

You will see from the balance sheet that the Association is in a good financial position and I would like to offer my sincere thanks to our Secretary/Treasurer Mr. Robert Robinson as this is undoubtedly due to his efficiency, expertise and commitment. Thanks also to our Internal Auditors.

At this stage I would like to thank our President Cllr. Joan Butterfield for her support both of this Association and to me as Chair during the year, also the Assistant Secretaries for their valued input.

Finally, I would like to thank most sincerely on behalf of the Association and myself as Chair, our very efficient Secretary Mr. Robert Robinson along with his staff at Welshpool Town Council for the valued support and assistance they provide to the Association.



Brian C. Roberts, Chair

July, 2018