

Chair's End of Year Report 2019

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 fourth 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:

1. The Betsi Cadwalader NHS Trust

This was followed by a productive Q and A session.

2. The new Rail Service Franchise update was given by a representative from Transport For Wales. This was a very comprehensive and informative presentation.

3. Reports presented to members during the course of the year Included the following.

Homelessness

School Meals Provision

Future of Local Councils

Welsh Language Policy within the Association

External Audit Report

The Association's Policy on Climate Change.

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 Cadwalader 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.

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.

Finally, I would like to thank you the Representatives of all the Member Councils for the high quality of debate and support you bring to these meetings.

Brian C. Roberts, Chair

July, 2019