

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2014-2015

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2015**. It is provided for the information of all constituents and for no other purpose. The views expressed in this report are those of the Councillor and do not necessarily reflect the views of the City and County of Swansea.

Councillor:	Paxton Hood-Williams	Electoral Division:	Fairwood
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I have been very active in the community, and was/still am Chairman of Three Crosses Community Council and a member of Upper Killay Community Council. I Chaired the Crwys & District Sports Association, which developed Crwys Community Woodland and managed the whole site including the football pitch. Chairman of the Three Crosses Neighbourhood Watch Panel, which works to reduce criminal behaviour in the area. I found that residents rarely attended surgeries, but always contact me when they have concerns. Consequently, I have dealt with numerous individual problems as well as resolving general Ward problems, such as pothole repairs, drainage problems, etc., as and when I see them or are contacted by a resident(s).

Section 2: Councillor attendance at selected Council body meetings

Attendance at Council body meetings is only one of the important elements of a Councillor's duties. Councillors are also active by holding surgeries, attending meetings and dealing with general electoral division enquiries.

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown below:

Audit Committee	9	/	10	90	%
Chief Executive's Appraisal & Remuneration Committee	1	/	1	100	%
Constitution Working Group	2	/	2	100	%
Council	17	/	17	100	%
Development Management & Control Committee	6	/	7	86	%
OVERALL	35	/	37	95	%

Scrutiny Meetings:

Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel	9	/	9	100	%
Local Service Board Scrutiny Performance Panel	6	/	6	100	%
Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel	13	/	15	87	%
Services for Looked After Children Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	1	0	%
Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	6	/	7	86	%
Transformation of Adult Social Services Scrutiny Panel	9	/	10	90	%
Wellbeing Scrutiny Performance Panel	4	/	6	67	%
OVERALL	47	/	54	87	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I had specific responsibility as Convenor (Chairman) of the Wellbeing Scrutiny Performance Panel, which monitored the performance of Child & Family Services. The role of this Panel was crucial to monitoring the effectiveness of the service, and will make recommendations on areas for improvement and as to how they can be improved. The role includes working with Scrutiny Officers and Panel members to develop the work programme and determine the direction of meetings and the information to be drawn from departmental Officers.

I was also a member of the Service Improvement and Finance Scrutiny Panel, which monitored performance across the Council and monitored financial overspends.

I was a member of the Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, which produces recommendations on the way forward for Adult Services. The Service is currently undergoing a major transformation, and is a key area to ensure the elderly residents of Swansea are properly provided for.

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I was a member of the Local Service Board Scrutiny Performance Panel, which monitors the progress of the LSB projects and its processes. Also Leader of the Conservative Group on the Council, and the main speaker in political debate.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Road safety matters are a major concern for the residents of Fairwood Ward. Gower Road in Upper Killay, Tirmynydd Road in Three Crosses and the road through the Wern give rise to most concerns. Consequently, I was in regular contact with Highway Officers to determine means of improving road safety, and particularly reducing the speed of traffic. However incremental measures are continually being taken, such as the installation of Speed Indicator Display signs, road markings, traffic calming etc., and these will continue to be improved.

Parking around our primary schools will always be a problem, with no simple solution. However, around Cila, it has the effect of dramatically reducing vehicle speed, with the consequent enhancement of child safety at pupil arrival and departure times.

Lack of pavements is a particular problem in Three Crosses, and I will work with the Community Council to provide alternative pedestrian access, where it is possible.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

29/01/2015 - Making Scrutiny More Effective

25/11/2014 - Making the best use of Performance Information

31/10/2014 - Safeguarding

08/10/2014 - How to get the most out of your tablet / smart phone

04/08/2014 - Public Engagement

03/07/2014 - Freedom of Information Training

03/07/2014 - Data Protection (Including role as Data Controller) Training

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Governor of both Cila and Crwys primary schools, and I am pleased to make a contribution to the work of these two schools, which provide such an excellent learning experience for our children.

I almost always attended the area PACT meetings, and worked closely with our Community Policeman and PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers) to minimise crime and anti-social behaviour in our communities.

Member of the Gower AONB Partnership Group, which has responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the Gower Management Plan, and I am also a Board member of the Gower Landscape Partnership, which is responsible for the administration and implementation of projects resulting from the successful bid to obtain £2 million funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and others for projects across Gower.

Chairman of the Swansea Local Access Forum, which works to improve the recreational use of public access land, whilst minimising disruption for the land owners.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300. I have never submitted an expenses claim form.

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be viewed here:

<http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13266&path=0&LLL=0>

Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be viewed here:

<http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13284&path=0&LLL=0>

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