

## City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2013-2014

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **07/05/2014**. 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.

<b>Councillor:</b>	Fiona Gordon	<b>Electoral Division:</b>	Castle
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

I attended ward surgeries most Saturdays: between the four members for Castle we shared this responsibility so that at least two of us attended each week. We also shared attendance at PACT and residents' meetings. I was on St. Phillips Community Centre management committee and attended monthly meetings there. I was active in the emerging "Friends-of-Brynydon-Park group", where I attended meetings and helped to organise events at the park. Constituents were able to contact me directly via phone and email. I often dealt with routine ward issues such as pavements, dog mess, lighting, parking and rubbish, from walks around the area.

### Section 2: Councillor attendance at selected Council body meetings

Area 1 Development Control Committee	2	/	12	17	%
Council	14	/	15	93	%
Development Management & Control Committee	7	/	8	88	%
Equalities Committee	12	/	12	100	%
Student Liaison Forum	3	/	3	100	%
OVERALL	38	/	50	76	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

### Section 3: Councillor's role and responsibilities

I was a member of the School Performance Scrutiny Panel, taking a particular interest in education matters. Out of this panel and the Estyn inspection, a need to scrutinise provision for education other than at school became clear, and I was part of the group pursuing this. I attended Community Cohesion Action Group when possible, as there were obvious links with equalities work. I linked with Councillor Mitch Theaker with regard to his lead on the hate crime element of the CoCo Action Plan. I sat on the Healthy Nightlife working group, as the Castle area featured significantly in the work plan. I attended Licensing Committee meetings when I felt the need to challenge certain applications within my ward. I was on the Welsh Books Council and attended meetings twice a year in Aberystwyth. I attended Communities First South cluster meetings, and took an interest in how they were meeting their targets and supporting communities. I was a governor at Ysgol Crug Glas Special School and Waun Wen Primary School, and sat on their various sub-committees.

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## Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I was active on the development of the Friends-of-Brynydon-Park Group, working with residents, Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's), Communities First and local groups (residents and Maesglas centre) to grow a strong group of committed people working to improve and extend the use of the park. This included taking a key role – alongside residents - in organising family days, an opening event and litter picks.

## Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training courses:-

22/01/2014 - Rules of Debate

25/11/2013 - Restorative Practice

25/10/2013 - Corporate Parenting

14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making

Various dates – Leadership Academy

I have also received training on many equalities areas such as race, gender and sexuality, children/young people participation, young carers and domestic violence. I recently attended training on children's safeguarding and cultural issues.

## Section 6: Other activities and issues

During the 2013-2014 municipal year I Chaired the Equalities Committee and have led the group on monthly meetings and outreach visits. These visits explored how departments have been meeting their equality objectives as outlined in the Strategic Equality Plan. Leads (managers of these service areas) have been invited in to present to the Committee on their progress, the challenges they met and the resulting successes. I also led quarterly meetings of the Equality Champions.

## Section 7: Councillor's Remuneration

9 May 2013 – 30 July 2013 Chair of Equalities Committee - £21,900 (per annum pro-rata)

31 July 2013 – 7 May 2014 Basic Salary - £13,175 (per annum pro-rata)

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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