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

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **7 May 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.

Councillor: Mandy Evans Electoral Division: Bonymaen	
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Surgeries were held 3 times per month. I undertook regular "walkabouts" to see the issues in the ward & meet constituents.

I worked with the police to tackle off road motor bikes causing nuisance in the ward and anti-social behaviour issues. Also worked on issues around school parking. I also worked with Council departments to resolve leasing and selling of council land.

I worked with ward colleagues, Cabinet members and local organisations to initiate Swansea East Food Bank within Bonymaen Ward and I worked with relevant council departments to resolve issues around Cefn Hengoed Leisure Centre.

Section 2: Councillor attendance at selected Council body meetings							
Area 1 Development Control Committee	6	/	12	50	%		
Council	12	/	15	80	%		
Development Management & Control Committee	7	/	8	88	%		
Equalities Committee	1	/	3	33	%		
Joint Consultative Committee	6	/	7	86	%		
Licensing Committee	7	/	11	64	%		
Scrutiny Programme Committee	5	/	16	31	%		
Trustees Panel	2	/	5	40	%		
OVERALL	46	/	77	60	%		

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Junior Whip for Labour Group 2013-14 Director – Bay Leisure Trustee Director – Welsh Association for the Deaf Foster Panel

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Worked with Bonymaen rugby club, Cefn Hengoed Community School & Leisure Centre to secure joint usage of facilities.

Worked with the Cabinet Member and Officers to gain improvements to Cefn Hengoed Leisure Centre.

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Member of the Swansea Bay Fair Credit campaign raising awareness regarding high interest lenders.

Involved in setting up the East Side Food Bank which is based in Mount Zion Church, Mansel Road, Bonymaen. Volunteer helper.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

27/03/2014 - Understanding Asylum Seeker and Refugee Issues 21/02/2014 - Active Listening Skills 06/11/2013 - Chairing Training Skills 14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making 08/07/2013 - PDR Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP) Equality Champion Development Programme (various dates spread over 2013-2014 / 2014-2015 current municipal years)

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Councillors' surgeries were held 3 times per month, advertised in shops etc. throughout the ward & in newspaper

Attended PACT meetings held in St Illtyd's Primary School. Governor of Pentrecwyth Primary School & Cefn Hengoed Community School

Attended Communities First meetings. Member of Bonymaen community centre management committee

Campaigned to improve public transport in the ward and helped with safe walking routes to school campaign. Also worked with The Boys Brigade to raise funding for activities

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary - £13,175 per annum.

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be viewed here: <u>http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13266&path=0&LLL=</u> <u>0</u>

Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be viewed here: <u>http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13284&path=0&LLL=</u> <u>0</u>

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