

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: Andrew Jones	Electoral Division: Cockett
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Section 1: Constituency activities

- I have attended 4 ward surgeries
- I have done 6 Street Surgeries (Actively canvassing residents to find out their concerns)
- Attended 4 PACT meetings throughout the Ward
- I have attended 7 meeting of the Waunarlwydd Community Trustee Board
- I have attended 5 School Governor meetings, 2 at Waunarlwydd Primary School and 3 at Ysgol Login Fach
- I attended 3 meetings with the area housing managers to discuss residents housing concerns
- I attended the North West Cluster Communities First update meetings

In addition to the above I have attended 4 public meetings to liaise with local resident about the Councils Gypsy Traveller site selection process.

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.

Area 2 Development Control Committee	8	/	12	67	%
Council	11	/	15	73	%
Development Management & Control Committee	5	/	8	63	%
Local Development Plan Advisory Group	1	/	1	100	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	12	/	16	75	%
OVERALL	37	/	52	71	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Member of the Scrutiny Programme Committee

I have sat on a number of scrutiny working panels, which have examined issues such as:

- Economic Inactivity
- Tourism
- School Meals
- Inwards Investment

I represented the Council on the Welsh Local Government Data Unit

Council representative on the Board of Trustee for Swansea Workshop for the Blind

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

- I have worked closely with the staff and pupils of Waunarlwydd Primary School to address the issue of dog fouling in the area.
- I have worked with Waunarlwydd Primary School and Ysgol Login Fach Primary School to get new road safety markings outside of schools in Waunarlwydd
- I have worked with Trustees of Waunarlwydd Community Centre to get a new central heating system installed.
- I have worked with local resident groups to ensure that they have been fully kept up to date on development relating to the Councils Gypsy Traveller site selection process

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

17/12/2013 - Introduction to Media Training
27/11/2013 - Understanding the Council Budget
25/10/2013 - Corporate Parenting
14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making

I have over 15 years' experience of working with disadvantaged young people and have a particular interest in child and youth poverty. As a result of this interest I have attended a number of learning events outside of the council on this issue, most recently attending a symposium held by Swansea University on the benefits of early intervention and the prevention of youth crime.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

The vast majority of my time as a councillor is spent addressing constituent's issues. These range from minor issues that can be solved with a phone call to substantive issues which can take several months to resolve.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary - £13,175 per annum.

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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