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:	Andrew Jones	Electoral Division:	Cockett

Section 1: Constituency activities

Together with my fellow Cockett Ward Councillor I carried out monthly street surgeries around the ward.

I was and continue to be a Governor at both Waunarlwydd Primary School and Ysgol Login Fach Primary School both of whom received positive Estyn inspections and I worked closely with the Head Teacher and the rest of the Governing body to ensure that we continued to give our pupils the best education possible.

Trustee at Waunarlwydd Community Centre and attended regular monthly meetings.

I also attended regular Pact meetings around the ward and worked closely with the Police to address issues such as anti-social behaviour, dog fouling, traffic, issues and illegal parking.

I have also attended public meetings to address issues relating the location of a new gypsy traveller site in the City and to address issues raised by leaseholder in Caer-Gynedd Road, Waunarlwydd.

In addition to the above I have dealt with numerous constituent enquires cover issues such as; traffic issues, anti-social behaviour, tenancy issues, housing allocation, fly-tipping, dog fouling, refuse collection, noise nuisance, residents parking and complaints to the Council.

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:

Area 2 Development Control Committee		/	8	38	%
Council		/	17	76	%
Development Management & Control Committee		/	7	86	%
Engagement & Inclusion Cabinet Advisory Committee		/	7	71	%
Local Development Plan Advisory Group		/	1	0	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	9	/	20	45	%
OVERALL	36	/	60	60	%
Scrutiny Meetings:					
Corporate Culture Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	6	/	7	86	%
Tourism Scrutiny Inquiry Panel		/	1	100	%
OVERALL	7	/	8	88	%

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Until recently I was a member of the Councils Scrutiny Programme Board.

I have chaired the Scrutiny Working Panel in relation to "Corporate Culture".

Member of the LDP working panel.

I represented and continue to represent the City and County of Swansea on the Welsh Local Government Data Unit.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I was involved in the initial development of the "Friends of Ravenhill" park and I'm currently working with a number of constituents from around the ward to set up other "Friends of" groups.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training session:

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

In addition, in my role as school governor I attended training on Child Protection and Understanding School Data.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

As always my primary focus has been on dealing with issues raised by constituents and meeting the needs of the local community.

Throughout the year I have supported many local events including school concerts and community fates and events.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300

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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