

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: David Lewis	Electoral Division: Gorseinon
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Section 1: Constituency activities

11 surgeries held in constituency. From June 2014 joint surgeries will be held with PCSO Rachel Draisey.

During Spring/Summer 2013 and 2014 a Gorseinon Matters newsletter was written and distributed by myself along with the Swansea Matters newspaper. I aim to continue this year on year.

Featured in the Gorseinon Town Council Newsletter and Website, providing residents with a further opportunity to find out what's going on and how to get involved if they so wish.

The residents of Gorseinon are able to contact me anytime via letter, 46 Cecil Road, Gorseinon, e-mail, david.lewis2@swansea.gov.uk or telephone, 01792 894929. If I am not at home, a message can be left where I will call back within 48 hours.

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	12	/	12	100	%
Council	13	/	15	87	%
Democratic Services Committee	5	/	8	63	%
Development Management & Control Committee	4	/	8	50	%
Student Liaison Forum	1	/	3	33	%
OVERALL	35	/	46	76	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Gorseinon Town Council Attendance	12	/	14	93	%
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Member of the following Swansea Council Committees and Group:

Swansea Labour Group

Service Improvement & Finance Performance Panel. Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel. I will be joining the Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel in June 2014.

I attended quarterly meetings with the managers of Gorseinon District Housing Office.

I attended quarterly meetings with the Police Inspector and his officers. I also met with the PCSO for the area on a monthly basis. I attended quarterly meetings with Gorseinon Chamber of Trade. I was and still am a member of the following Gorseinon Town Council Sub Committees: Planning (Observer Only), Personnel, Parks, Website, New Lodge Arbitration. I am the Local Education Authority Governor for Gorseinon Primary School.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Gypsy/Traveller Sites - As a result of an information letter I produced and delivered to every household within Gorseinon, I was pleased to see over 1000 residents come together at Gorseinon Workingman's Club to debate the possibility of a Gypsy/Traveller site being potentially located in the town. The meetings provided an opportunity for the people of Gorseinon to present their views and I was pleased to see community leaders get involved too.

Gorseinon Events - I am a supporter of Gorseinon's 3 major events – Gorseinon Christmas Parade, Gorseinon Carnival and Gorseinon Food Festival. These annual events cover winter, spring and summer and provide a huge boost to the town and help to keep community spirit strong. I am extremely proud of all the people involved, who give many hours of their time to ensure that the events continue to be a success.

Bryngwyn Estate - I have been working with residents and Persimmon to ensure that all issues are addressed before Persimmon move off site this year.

Building and Improving Strong Relationships - I have been working to ensure that strong relationships are built and held with Swansea Council, Gorseinon Town Council, Gorseinon Chamber of Trade and Gorseinon Development Trust.

Working together with the Police - I meet regularly with our PCSOs and meet Quarterly with the Police inspector for Gorseinon.

Gorseinon Primary School - I have been working to arrange for the School Council to visit the Guildhall in Swansea for a 'mini-debate' and tour. I am also continuing my campaign to secure a new Primary School for Gorseinon.

Gorseinon Youth Club - I have recently visited the Club and continue to be very impressed by the fantastic facility. We are going to start holding meetings that effect the youth at this facility, to help them to become more involved with the decision making.

Gorseinon Parks - Initiatives I have been involved with this year include, helping to secure funding for a skateboard park somewhere within the Town and Exercise Equipment at Parc y Werin. I also took part in Parc Melin Mynach Litter Pick. New Equipment at Parc y Werin will be installed August this year.

Asda Petrol Station - I am in the process of meeting with managers to ensure that nearby residents face the minimum of disruption when this petrol station is built. Plus I hope to secure some improvements to the nearby area.

Gorseinon Gateway Monday Club - I continue to support this charity and have helped to secure a much needed grant this year.

Section 5: Learning and Development

21/02/2014 - Active Listening Skills, 22/01/2014 - Rules of Debate, 17/12/2013 - Introduction to Media Training, 27/11/2013 - Understanding the Council Budget, 14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

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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