

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

12 surgeries held in Gorseinon on the first Saturday of Every month at the Constituency Office, 9 Pontardulais Road.

During summer 2014 Gorseinon Matters newsletter was written and distributed by myself along with the Swansea Matters newspaper.

I have 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. I have taken up many issues on behalf of residents including housing, antisocial behaviour, parking, line painting and litter.

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	4	/	8	50	%
Council	16	/	17	94	%
Democratic Services Committee	2	/	4	50	%
Development Management & Control Committee	4	/	7	57	%
Engagement & Inclusion Cabinet Advisory Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	1	/	1	100	%
OVERALL	33	/	44	75	%
Scrutiny Meetings:					
Wellbeing Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	4	0	%
Public Transport Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	1	0	%
Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	2	/	7	29	%
OVERALL	2	/	12	17	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

- Gorseinon Town Council Attendance - 89 %
- Local Education Authority Governor for Gorseinon Primary School.
- Member of the following Swansea Council Committees and Group:
- Swansea Labour Group
- Cabinet Advisory Committee – Engagement and Inclusion.
- Scrutiny Programme Committee
- I attended quarterly meetings with the managers of Gorseinon District Housing Office.
- I attended quarterly meetings with the Police Inspector and his officers.
- I met with the PCSO for the area on a monthly basis.
- I attended quarterly meetings with Gorseinon Chamber of Trade.
- Member of the following Gorseinon Town Council Sub Committees: Planning, Personnel, Website, New Lodge arbitration.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Gorseinon Primary School - I continued with the campaign and manifesto promise to secure a new Primary School in Gorseinon. I worked with the Cabinet Member and

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Officers to provide a number of consultation sessions with parents/teachers, residents and the children themselves to ensure that everyone had a say.

Gorseinon Skate Park - I am currently working with officers, businesses, town council and young people to bring a Skate Board Park to Parc Melin Mynach.

Working with DVLA – I organised a successful workshop with the Cabinet Member and Committee and DVLA Managers to discuss Staff Engagement and best practice.

Friends of Gorseinon Parks – I have worked with the Town Council to set up a new Friends of Gorseinon Parks Committee. I have worked with Cabinet members on providing a guide for new 'friends of' initiatives.

Wild Flowers – I have worked with Swansea and our Town Council to ensure the successful wild flowers campaign is continued throughout the Town and Parks.

Highways Issues – I met regularly with Highways Officers, addressed safety and parking issues. I have implemented a number of dropped curb and safety lines throughout the town. I am currently working to reduce waiting times at Gorseinon traffic lights.

Gorseinon Events – I was and continue to be 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.

Working together with the Police - I met regularly with our PCSOs and met quarterly with the Police Inspector for Gorseinon.

Gorseinon Primary School Council visit to Guildhall- I have continued with this event, working to arrange for the School Council to visit the Guildhall in Swansea for a 'mini-debate' and tour.

Gorseinon Youth Club - I 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.

Asda Petrol Station – I worked with the managers and residents managers to ensure that the minimum of disruption when this petrol station was built. I secured safety improvements to the Cecil Road/Mill Street Junction.

Gorseinon Retirement Complexes – As often as I could, I met with the residents of Llys Gwalia, Llys y Werin, Einon Court and Cwrt Hywel, listened to concerns and addressed any issues (where possible).

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

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I remain committed to representing the people of Gorseinon and work with my colleagues at Swansea and Gorseinon Town Council promoting Gorseinon. It is a real pleasure to see our High Street looking so busy and I am looking forward to working with developers, as we continue to improve the Town in terms of residential, educational, business, transport and leisure.

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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