

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2015-2016

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2016**. 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

I have continued to work hard representing the people of Gorseinon. I have held regular surgeries on the first Saturday of Every month at the Constituency Office, 9 Pontardulais Road. During winter 2015/16 the Gorseinon Matters newsletter was written and distributed by myself along with the Swansea Matters Leaflet. This year I have worked to provide additional wild flowers and have increased the number of hanging baskets at Llwhwr Workingman's Club (the Bug) and Gorsienon Workingman's Club (the Brighton Road Club). I have worked with the clubs to provide Heart Defibrillator's at each of the Clubs, providing an additional lifesaving resource to our community. The residents of Gorseinon are able to contact me anytime via letter, 46 Cecil Road, Gorseinon SA44BY, e-mail, cllr.david.lewis@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. As a result of these contacts, 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:

Corporate Services Cabinet Advisory Committee	2	/	6	33	%
Council	10	/	18	56	%
Democratic Services Committee	2	/	4	50	%
Engagement & Inclusion Cabinet Advisory Committee	4	/	4	100	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	3	/	13	23	%
OVERALL	21	/	45	47	%

Scrutiny Meetings:

Building Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Working Group	2	/	9	22	%
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services Scrutiny Working Group	2	/	9	22	%
OVERALL	4	/	18	22	%

My attendance was low last year partly due to my farther sadly passing away in November

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

- Member of Gorseinon Town Council since May 2008.
- Local Education Authority Governor for Gorseinon Primary School since May 2012
- Member of Swansea Labour Group.
- I attended quarterly meetings with the managers of Gorseinon District Housing Office, the Police Inspector and his officers, Gorseinon Chamber of Trade meetings.
- Member of Gorseinon Town Council Sub Committees: Planning, Personnel, Website, New Lodge arbitration.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

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Gorseinon Primary School - I was very pleased that after a long and successful campaign, Swansea Planning Committee approved plans in December for a 21st Century Primary School and improved fit for purpose Park at Parc y Werin, improving the education and play arrangements for our children for many years to come. In addition, I arranged for the School Council to visit the Guildhall in Swansea for a 'mini-debate' and tour.

Gorseinon Skate Park - I am continuing to work with officers, residents, businesses, town council and young people to bring a Skate Board Park to Parc Melin Mynach. Working with DVLA – I organised an away day for DVLA Managers to attend the Guildhall.

Friends of Gorseinon Parks – I have worked with the Town Council to provide a grant to support the Parc Y Werin Committee. I worked with Cabinet members on providing a guide for new 'friends of' initiatives.

Wild Flowers – I have continued to work with Swansea and Gorseinon Town Council to ensure the successful wild flowers campaign is continued throughout the Town and Parks. **Highways Issues** – I meet regularly with Highways Officers, addressing safety and parking issues. I have implemented a number of dropped curb and safety lines throughout the town. I am continuing the campaign to reduce waiting times at Gorseinon traffic lights.

Gorseinon Events – I continue to be a supporter of Gorseinon's 2 major events – Gorseinon Christmas Parade and Gorseinon Carnival. These annual events cover summer and winter, providing 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.

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

Working together with the Police – I meet quarterly with the Police inspector for Gorseinon. **Retirement Complexes** – As often as I can, I meet with the residents of Llys Gwalia, Llys y Werin, Einon Court and Cwrt Hywel, listening to concerns and addressing any issues (where possible).

Gorseinon Gateway Monday Club - I continue to support this charity and have helped to Secure further much needed grants this year.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

19/04/2016 - S.106 Planning Agreements / Obligations

05/11/2015 - Introduction to Community Engagement

29/10/2015 - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Training

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 speaking up for Gorseinon. It is a real pleasure to see our High Street looking so busy and I am 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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