

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: Keith Marsh	Electoral Division: Bishopston
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Member of Bishopston Community Council (CC) and its associated Committees. PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings, which I chaired, covering items that related to Council and Police which concern residents. No surgeries held – individual contact with residents face to face, via telephone, email or letter. Items dealt with include neighbour disputes, highway repairs etc, removal of dead animals, planning enquiries, illegal activities (drugs), waste disposal including recycling and various social services matters.

Through Bishopston CC newsletter I have been able to keep residents informed of planning applications, “scams”, Council works in hand and completed.

I attended School Governor meetings (LEA Representative) at Bishopston Comprehensive and Primary Schools. I also attended events organised by Bishopston CC and the schools.

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.

Appeals and Awards Committee	4	/	4	100	%
Area 1 Development Control Committee	11	/	12	92	%
Area 2 Development Control Committee	12	/	12	100	%
Council	12	/	15	80	%
Democratic Services Committee	6	/	8	75	%
Development Management & Control Committee	8	/	8	100	%
Gower AONB Partnership Group	3	/	4	75	%
Licensing Committee	13	/	15	87	%
Licensing Sub-Committee	7	/	7	100	%
Rights of Way and Commons Sub Committee	4	/	6	67	%
West Glamorgan Archives Committee	4	/	5	80	%
OVERALL	84	/	96	88	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I attended a number of Scrutiny Inquiry Panels, Port Health Authority meetings and Gower Landscape Partnership meetings.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I have been involved with the replacement and provision of bus shelters in the ward. This involved investigation to establish the purchase of items at a cost lower than that paid by this Authority. This was successful, saving money from my environmental improvement allowance to spend on other items of benefit to the community. In addition I have participated in campaigning to maintain the Library service at Pennard.

Section 5: Learning and Development

27/11/2013 - Understanding the Council Budget
14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I attended monthly meetings of Swansea Neighbourhood Association. When the occasions warranted I voted on issues, free of political bias and "whipping", in line with my perception of the requirements of the residents of Swansea and my ward in particular.

I chaired quarterly meetings of PACT and attended to complaints regarding The City & County of Swansea's departments and facilities. I also made several site visits with local Police on issues pertinent to them, eg speeding, parking, etc.

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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