

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: Ceinwen Thomas	Electoral Division: Mynyddbach
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Surgeries were held every three weeks at Treboeth Community Centre and Clase Community Centre.

Site visits were held to look at areas for improvement (in relation to an allocated pot of CCS money that Councillors could use for environmental improvements in the ward).

I attended PCC meetings both in Treboeth and Clase.

I was (and at the time of writing still am) a member of the Governing Body at Gwrosydd Primary School.

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 1 Development Control Committee	9	/	12	75	%
Council	13	/	15	87	%
Development Management & Control Committee	5	/	8	63	%
LA Governor Panel	8	/	10	80	%
West Glamorgan Archives Committee	3	/	5	60	%
OVERALL	38	/	50	76	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

In addition to the above I attended the following:-

Scrutiny Committees
Area 1 Planning and Rights of Way meetings
Development Management and Control
Archives
LA Governors Panel.

During the 2013-2014 municipal year I held the role of Deputy Lord Mayor. This role was varied and involved meeting a wide range of members of the public.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I spent my allocated Environmental Improvement money on traffic calming measures and installation of double yellow lines. I also led a petition to try to save the Post Office.

I was Chairman of a Building Sub-Committee for St Albans Church and was successful in obtaining a grant to extend the church hall to incorporate disabled (DDA) facilities.

I obtained help to clear the grounds of three churches in my area.

I was provided with information on grants to 'Calon Lan Centre', Caersalem Newydd and St Albans. All were successful.

I was also provided with information to Gwrysydd Primary School in relation to grants, which have now been applied for.

Section 5: Learning and Development

My role as Deputy Lord Mayor has meant that I have not been able to undertake any training in the 2013-2014 municipal year.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Before I was elected in 1990 I knew that the work would entail seven day week working (24/7).

I have been busy by phone and e-mail dealing with complaints. I always returned calls if messages had been left for me by my constituents and ensured that I chased up outstanding issues on a regular basis.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Deputy Lord Mayor - £18,445

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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