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: C Miles Thomas Electoral Division: Newton

Section 1: Constituency activities

Ward surgeries were held in Newton Village Hall. Ongoing concerns from constituents included litter, pot-holes, dog fouling, street lighting and highways issues (such as bollard installations, parking, dangerous access and the provision of white lines). Other enquiries included the costal path, footpath maintenance and repair/replacement of benches.

Despite there being changes to the composition of the Council's Planning Committee, the result of which being I am no longer a member, I am still frequently consulted on planning issues.

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:

Council	14	/	18	78	%
OVERALL	14	1	18	78	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Until recently, I was a school governor for Newton Primary and Bishopston Comprehensive Schools but retired due to illness.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

The Environmental Grant was used in various ways such as the provision of white lines outside the local butchers and newsagents, hand rails on a local footpath and provision of signage.

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Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training:

13/04/2016 - S.106 Planning Agreements / Obligations

09/02/2016 - Safeguarding Vulnerable People

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

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be viewed here:

 $\underline{\text{http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc\&cat=13266\&path=0\&LLL=0}$

Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be viewed here:

 $\underline{\text{http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc\&cat=13284\&path=0\&LLL=0}$

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