

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: Yvonne Jardine	Electoral Division: Morriston
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held regular ward surgeries. In addition I attended the following: - Governors, Police and Communities Together (PACT) and residents meetings. I addressed residents' concerns over such things as housing, roads and other local issues. I worked with my colleagues where we prevented the closure of the main Post Office in Woodfield Street; provided flower displays throughout the ward and brought back the Christmas lights to Morriston.

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	13	/	17	76	%
Development Management & Control Committee	4	/	7	57	%
Engagement & Inclusion Cabinet Advisory Committee	4	/	7	57	%
Equalities Committee	2	/	5	40	%
Local Development Plan Advisory Group	0	/	1	0	%
Rights of Way and Commons Sub Committee	3	/	5	60	%
OVERALL	30	/	50	60	%
Scrutiny Meetings:					
Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel	3	/	9	33	%
Public Engagement Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	1	0	%
Services for Looked After Children Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	2	/	7	29	%
Transformation of Adult Social Services	9	/	10	90	%
Wellbeing Scrutiny Performance Panel	3	/	6	50	%
OVERALL	18	/	34	53	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

In addition to my council committees, I served on the Governing body of two local schools and attended various local community meetings such as Residents meetings, local surgeries and PACT meetings.

As a member of the Engagement and Inclusion Cabinet Advisory Committee, together with the Chair I attended a meeting with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency to see how they communicated with their staff and what we (as a council) could learn to enable us to better communicate. I attended the presentation given by the Domestic Abuse

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Coordinator on the Domestic Abuse situation in Swansea and was pleased to hear that although there is much more work to be done we were in the lead in Swansea.

I was and still am the Authorities Councillor Champion for Race, Religion, Belief and Heritage and chair the Black Minority Ethnic (BME) forum which is a bridge between the Council and the BME community.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

With my ward colleagues I funded the flower displays across Morriston, which was well received by the community; I have been told several times what a difference they make to people.

After a long campaign in partnership with my colleagues to save the main Post Office in Woodfield Street Morriston, the threat of closure has been removed.

Working with the local traders we were able to bring back the Christmas light back to Morriston. The switch on of the lights was a big success and was well attended. Thanks to the police, local traders and everyone who worked on making the switch on of the lights a success.

I also visited the new Morriston Comprehensive School.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

23.07.15 - Data protection (including role of Data Controller)

I also attended Safeguarding training in my role as School Governor.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I supported women in a range of issues such as women fleeing Domestic Abuse; advocate on behalf of women and asylum seekers.

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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