

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: Gloria J Tanner	Electoral Division: Mynyddbach
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I had a full workload consisting of concerns & complaints made by residents of the Mynyddbach Ward. Those concerns included Housing, litter, and youths on bikes, neighbours disputes, car parking, fly tipping, and potholes amongst others.

I dealt with all my cases by e-mail & visited resident's homes when invited to do so. I attended regular Pact meetings & School Governors meetings in the ward. I have a good working relationship with District Housing staff & Managers. The Police Community Support Officers (PCSO'S) often visited me at my home to give me details of any incidents that were occurring in the Ward.

My ward of Mynyddbach was and continues to be a hot spot for tethered horses. I joined a local voluntary organisation called Friends of Swansea Horses which campaigns against the tethering of horses in Swansea. I am currently attempting to collect funds for this worthy cause.

This past year was extremely busy for me as one of the ward Councillors was on Mayoral duties. The second Councillor has been unwell at various times of the year. The workload increased dramatically however I got through without any assistance from the Administration. I doubled up the number of surgeries I attended as I covered for Councillor Ceinwen Thomas's surgeries too. The number of surgeries I held was 2 out of every 4 weeks.

I have made a great deal of progress in the Ward however there is still a long way to go. I have problems with 2 roads in the Ward and I am working with the relevant Cabinet member to try & resolve the issues of speeding traffic. Consideration is being given to replacing the current traffic measures which are no longer fit for purpose.

I had bollards placed in a number of areas in the Ward to prevent cars from parking on grass verges & pavements. These were welcomed by both businesses & residents.

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	5 / 8	63 %
Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee	2 / 3	67 %
Council	16 / 17	94 %
Development Management & Control Committee	5 / 7	71 %
Equalities Committee	1 / 5	20 %
People Cabinet Advisory Committee	7 / 8	88 %

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Scrutiny Programme Committee	12	/	13	92	%
Services Cabinet Advisory Committee	2	/	3	67	%
Trustees Panel	0	/	2	0	%
OVERALL	50	/	66	76	%
Scrutiny Meetings:					
Attainment & Wellbeing Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	4	/	6	67	%
Inward Investment Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	4	25	%
Public Transport Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	4	/	7	57	%
Transformation of Adult Social Services Scrutiny Panel	8	/	10	80	%
OVERALL	18	/	28	64	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I was and continue to be a member of the Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority. I attended regular meetings in Carmarthen followed by training sessions at intervals during the year. As a supporter of "Friends of Swansea Horses" I attended meetings on a regular basis. I am currently supporting their campaign & collecting funds for the charity. I attended various fetes or fun days held in my Ward and supported Communities First by volunteering when it was needed.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I attempted to set up a Friends of Solva Park group with a few other interested residents of the Clase Estate. Our aim was to bring life back into Solva Park. I held meetings with a Council Officer followed by a site visit to discuss what could be done. After some discussion it was decided that the expense would be huge & could not be covered by contribution from my Councillors Environmental Allowance.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

26/11/2014 - Defamation

25/11/2014 - Making the best use of Performance Information

04/08/2014 - Public Engagement

03/07/2014 - Freedom of Information Training

03/07/2014 - Data Protection (Including role as Data Controller) Training

Section 6: Other activities and issues

This section is for you to write anything else about which you feel your constituents should be aware.

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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