

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

This last 12 months have been hectic for Councillors of Mynyddbach ward. Whilst I have made some inroads to the problems for residents there is still a long way to go & lots of improvements to make still.

Earlier this year Councillor Byron Owen had to retire due to ill health. I have stood in for Byron at Councillor Surgeries. Consequently I have carried out surgery duties 3 weekends out of 4. More residents have attended the surgeries to discuss their concerns which I welcome.

I continued to work with Housing Officers from Morrison Housing Office & Housing Options.

I remained a Governor of Clase Primary school & attended meetings regularly. I worked closely with local Police & Community Support Officers (PCSO's) attending Police & Communities Together (PACT) meetings at every opportunity.

Further meetings I attended were with the Management Committee of the Clase Community Centre. I have recently made a donation to the Community Centre so that they can refurbish the Centre. This work is long overdue as the Centre has been looking shabby of late. We hope that the refurbishment of the Community Centre will bring in more Community groups to our Centre in the future.

I have been disappointed at the lack of progress in some areas however there are projects in the pipeline that will hopefully be carried out in the near future.

I have used the last 12 months to build good relations with the Community residents & businesses. I attended Community First meetings on a regular basis.

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:

Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee	10	/	13	77	%
Council	12	/	18	67	%
Joint Consultative Committee	3	/	4	75	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	10	/	15	67	%
Services Cabinet Advisory Committee	2	/	4	50	%
Trustees Panel	1	/	2	50	%
OVERALL	38	/	56	68	%

Scrutiny Meetings:

Building Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Working Group	6	/	9	67	%
Inward Investment Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	2	0	%
Tackling Poverty Scrutiny Working Group	0	/	1	0	%
Tethered Horses Scrutiny Working Group	2	/	3	67	%
Transformation of Adult Social Services Scrutiny Panel	7	/	12	58	%

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Tree Preservation Scrutiny Working Group	0	/	1	0	%
Welsh Housing Quality Standard Scrutiny Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
OVERALL	16	/	29	55	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I sat on the Scrutiny Programme Committee that considers Council Policy.
I was/am on Committees that deal with Elderly Care, Housing, Transport & others.
I was/am a member of a working group looking into the Council Policy on Tethered Horses.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I have been working hard with Housing Officers on the installation of a Barrier at the Sheltered Accommodation at Penrhiw Court. The installation is due soon & the residents will get their car park back.
I have arranged for bus shelters to be installed at Rheidol Avenue & Longview Road. They have been ordered & I await installation.
I have campaigned against the Off Road Bikes that are demoralising our residents by racing around the ward at high speeds. It is frustrating that I am unable to announce any progress.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

25/02/2016 - Safeguarding Vulnerable People

04/11/2015 – School Data (Governor Training) at Clase Primary School.

29/10/2015 - United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Training

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Trustee of Suresprung Organisation & attended meetings.
Member of Mid & West Wales Fire Authority & attended regular meetings in Carmarthen.
Supporter of Friends of Swansea Horses a charity that helps to re-home horses to Hillside Sanctuary from Council premises.

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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