

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: Clive Lloyd	Electoral Division: St Thomas
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Senior Salary Position:	Cabinet Member-Transformation & Performance
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I would like to thank the people of St Thomas for the support I have received as Ward Councillor. I have represented the ward since being elected in May 2012. I am also the Cabinet Member for Transformation & Performance. 2015/16 has been another busy year and I will outline my activities in this report.

Ward Surgeries

Together with my Ward colleague, Cllr Joe Hale, we held regular Ward surgeries on the first Saturday on every month. These are on a rotating basis at the following venue's:

St Thomas Church Hall, Fabians Bay Church Hall, St Illtyds Church Hall, Gwyn Mission and Port Tennant Community Centre.

Residents Meetings

We have also held two residents meetings at the following locations: St Thomas Church Hall and Waterfront Community Church – SA1.

I am available to be contacted at any time and my contact details are available via the City & County of Swansea Website (www.swansea.gov.uk/councillors).

Ward Work

I have dealt with many issues over the past 12 months which have fallen into these main categories

Housing Issues, Fly Tipping, Pot Holes, Residents Parking/Traffic Issues, Street Cleansing, Bus Shelters, Making Roads Safer and Working with Communities

Some examples of these are:

Housing Issues – I have assisted a number of individuals with their housing queries both with the Council and Housing Association tenants.

Fly Tipping – We have had a number of issues across the ward but examples are Grafog Street and Kilvey Road. I have been working with Council Officers and residents to minimise this issue.

Pot Holes – I regularly reported incidents of pot holes but I have worked with the Council PATCH/Pot Hole Team to minimise this issue. The Team spent the first week of April 2016 in St Thomas dealing specifically with pot holes.

Residents Parking/Traffic Issues – Following visits from residents I requested a number of residents parking schemes. Two ongoing schemes are at Pant Street and Ty Mawr Street.

Street Cleansing – I regularly met officers to discuss street cleansing issues. An example of this is Marcroft Road where we have had issues with street cleansing/fly tipping. I would also like to thank our own Council litter picker STEVE, who does a fantastic job.

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Bus Shelters – Following a number of requests, a bus shelter was installed outside The Ship pub in January 2016 to protect those bus users during the rain and winter months.

Making St Thomas Roads Safer – We have been working with Council Officers to improve road safety at a number of ward “hot spots” over the last few years. In October 2015, these were bought together in the St Thomas – SAFER ROUTES BID which requested funding from Welsh Government for schemes which included pedestrian crossing at Foxhole Road/Maesteg Street and extending speed restriction at Danygraig Road. It is hoped this bid is successful later in 2016/17.

Working with Communities – I have worked with a number of community groups to improve facilities in the Ward. These include Friends of Polly’s Park, Jersey Park Pavilion Project and Jersey Park Bowls/Swansea Bowls Association, Port Tennant Colts/Mile End – Ashland’s Self-Management.

I was also involved with the following community groups:

Schools –Chair of Governors at Danygraig School and Governor at St Thomas School.
Port Tennant Communities First – I regularly attended meetings of the management group.
Tir John Residents Group – Regular meetings were held with the management of the site.
Swansea Bay Port Health Authority – Meetings were held to discuss issues at the docks/port.

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:

Appointments Committee	8	/	11	73	%
Cabinet	11	/	15	73	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	3	/	3	100	%
Council	14	/	18	78	%
External Funding Panel	6	/	7	86	%
Joint Consultative Committee	5	/	5	100	%
Pension Fund Committee	4	/	4	100	%
Standards Committee	5	/	6	83	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	3	/	3	100	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum - Residents Partnership	1	/	1	100	%
OVERALL	60	/	73	82	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

As well as being the local Ward Councillor for St Thomas, I was/am also the City & County of Swansea Cabinet Member – Transformation & Performance, with lead responsibility for the following areas.

Transforming Council Services – Sustainable Swansea / Fit for the future
Communications & Engagement
Legal & Democratic (Councillor) Services
Council Financial Services

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Human Resources & Organisational Development
Customer Contact & Customer Satisfaction
Scrutiny of Council
City & County of Swansea Risk & Resilience
Councillor Training and Development
Council Health & Safety Policy
Council Services Commissioning
Understanding Demand for Council Services
Managing the Council Budget Process

In September 2015, I represented the Council at the 3rd UNESCO City of Learning Conference at Mexico City where Swansea were one of only 12 cities in the world to be recognised as an excellent City of Lifelong Learning.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

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Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training:

04/05/2016 - Development Economics & Financial Viability Training
19/04/2016 - S.106 Planning Agreements / Obligations
18/04/2016 - Guidance on Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment & Scrutinising Changes to Community Services
09/02/2016 - Safeguarding Vulnerable People
20/10/2015 – Roles and Responsibilities (Governor Training)
08/06/2015 - Media Training and Interview Skills

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Sewerage Treatment Works – Over the past 12 months we have been working with Council officers and residents to minimise the risk of odours from the works located on Fabian Bay. Despite our best efforts and assurances from Welsh Water, problems still exist in 2016.

University of Wales Trinity St David SA1 Campus – I and my ward Colleague met regularly with representatives of UWTSU on the development of the new campus and ensured that wherever possible community engagement takes place.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: £32,000

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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