

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2017-2018

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines activities over the year ending **23 May 2018**. 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:	Lynda James	Electoral Ward:	Pennard
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Senior Salary Position:	n/a
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Section 1: Constituency activities

General constituency issues, I have dealt with many local problems such as pot holes, sink holes, rubbish collections and flooding etc. I have provided advice and support on a number of individual issues and passed on referrals of a wide range of topics. I am always available at home, by telephone or email and will visit constituents at their homes if it is more convenient for them.

Monthly surgeries – I held a surgery each month at Pennard Library on the second Saturday of each month between 10.30 am – 12.00 pm.

Newsletters – I have produced regular E- newsletters to all constituents covering topics relevant to the Pennard Ward and which I believe would be of interest.

Planning – I have reviewed all planning applications for the ward and visited the majority of the sites. Called in contentious applications to go to committee and contacted enforcement officers when considered necessary.

Pennard Community Council - I have attended the majority of the community council meetings and taken forward issues raised in that forum. As a member of the community council I have taken an active lead in many of the community projects.

Neighbourhood Watch - I worked closely with Pennard and Kittle Neighbourhood Watch, the police and trading standards. Regularly attending their meetings with specific issues such as scams, speeding, roaming cattle, being discussed with relevant people.

Local events – I supported many local events such as Pennard Library's 50th Birthday, Pennard Arts and Crafts Exhibition, Pennard Garden Show.

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.

Councillors attendance can be [viewed here](#).

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Councillor responsibilities can be [viewed here](#).

Councillor appointments to outside bodies can be [viewed here](#).

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Scrutiny panels

Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel
Affordable Housing Inquiry Panel
Public Transport Scrutiny Inquiry Panel
Street Scene Inquiry Panel
Planning working Group
Social Care at home Inquiry Panel
School Governors Scrutiny Panel
Schools Performance Panel

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Pennard Library

Continued to arranged public meetings to fight against the closure of Pennard Library and to maintain the excellent librarian-led service. Worked with the Friends of Pennard Library (FoPL), and Swansea Council to refurbish the present library buildings and make it sustainable for the future.

Other public issues

Arranged various public meetings:-

1. with Pennard Community Council to raise the profile of the local Development Plan as it pertains to Pennard.
2. Facilitate the upgrade of Southgate roundabout area.
3. Road safety and the installation of pedestrian crossings in Kittle and by Pennard School.
4. Organise parking restrictions in various areas of the villages to prevent pavement parking and on junctions.

Section 5: Learning and Development

Councillors training can be [viewed here](#).

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I voted on all issues according to my conscience in balance with the needs of Pennard constituents particularly, and Swansea in general.

Governor at both Pennard Primary and Bishopston Comprehensive schools.

Member of Pennard Community Council
Member of Pennard Neighbourhood Watch
Trustee of Pennard Community Charity
Member of Friends of Pennard library
Member of Pennard Parish Hall committee
Member of Pennard Carnival Committee

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,400

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be [viewed here](#).

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Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be [viewed here.](#)

Date:	25/10/2018
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