

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:	Andrew Stevens	Electoral Ward:	Penyrheol
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Senior Salary Position:	n/a
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Over the past year, I have held regular monthly surgeries as well as occasional street surgeries with my ward colleague Jan Curtice. We have also supported residents to deal with various issues including:

- Housing and renovation scheme issues
- Boundary and Drainage issues
- Parking Fly tipping
- Pavement and carriageway repairs
- Highway safety
- Overgrown trees
- Yellow lines
- Anti-Social Behaviour

We are currently working with officers on a scheme to alleviate safety concerns at the junction of Brynafon/Frampton Rd, the scheme will include pavement works, dropped curbs, safety rails, and a zebra crossing. In addition to this, we are working to address speeding issues further down Frampton Road. We are also working closely with officers and outside bodies to address speeding throughout Grovesend and are looking to improve facilities at Golden Grove Park.

We secured additional funding from Gorseinon Town Council to help enhance the new play area on Gower View Road and we have further improved the facility by cutting back the area in front, adding picnic benches, and implementing CCTV.

We funded balance bikes, scooters and a maintenance station for Penyrheol Primary. We also funded play equipment for Pengelli Social club, funded the redecoration of Penyrheol boxing gym and contributed toward the Gorseinon Community Car Scheme.

We are more than happy to support the excellent work these organisations are doing within our community.

As a member of Gorseinon Town Council we secured grant funding to install a BMX pump track in Melyn Mynach, one of the biggest in the country.

After consultation, we installed commemorative benches to mark the 100-year anniversary of the end of WW1 at key locations throughout the ward, as well as a decorative bin and notice board in Grovesend.

I have an excellent presence on social media and have had a lot of success using it to promote ward activities and encourage interaction with constituents.

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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](#).

Vice Chair of the Transformation PDC
Mayor of Gorseinon Town Council 2017/18
Penyrheol Pri & Sec Governing Body
Rural Development Programme.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

In 2017 I opened my dairy farm to the local primary schools within my ward to teach children from age 6-11 about the role agriculture plays in our economy and have further plans to do more visits next year. I organised (and played in) the annual Decky Memorial Touch Rugby Tournament that has raised over £8000 for ABMU to date and during my term as Gorseinon Town Mayor I raised over £13'000 for cardiac care in AMBU.

Section 5: Learning and Development

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

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I'm a 3rd generation dairy farmer from Llannant Farm in Penyrheol and I'm honoured to represent the ward where my family has lived and worked for over 75 years. I studied Agriculture and took time out to work in Canterbury, New Zealand. I am also a keen sportsman and I have played rugby locally for the past 25 years. With both my farming and rugby background, I believe my strong work ethic and ability to work as a team has helped enormously in my role as ward member for Penyrheol. I am also a bit of an I.T enthusiast and in my spare time and I have experience in hardware and software such as PC Building, web design, and some basic coding knowledge.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,400

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

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

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