

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2016-2017

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **24 May 2017**. 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: Peter Black	Electoral Division: Cwmbwrla
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I attended monthly PACT meetings and took up issues raised with officers and delivered a regular six weekly newsletter to every home in the ward. Together with my fellow ward Councillors, we took up a number of issues. These included:

1. Seeking and getting assurances on the future of Brynhyfryd Library
2. Working with local residents to get the 25 bus restored to Manselton Road
3. Having measures put in around Burlais School to protect residents from illegal and nuisance parking.
4. Supporting the imposition of a 20mph zone around Brynhyfryd School
5. Using the NEAT Team to clear a number of overgrown lanes in the area
6. Having fly-tipping removed from the racecourse and taking measures to restrict access to vehicles
7. Repainting the parking bays in Eaton Road
8. Worked with residents in Carmarthen Road to help them clear a back lane
9. Had bollards put around the ambulance depot to restrict nuisance parking
10. New dog mess bins in Cwmbwrla Park
11. Improvements to Cwmbwrla Park including resurfacing footpaths, a tarmac strip on the Middle Road entrance and palisade fencing on the Middle Road boundary
12. Pushed for voice entry in the council flats in Elgin Street
13. Re-opened Manselton Park bowling green as a safe place for kids to play
14. Got Network Rail to spray knotweed behind Courtney Street
15. Had Coastal Housing clear a lane behind Millwood Street and install CCTV
16. Moved Give Way lines on Clos Arthur Morris to improve visibility
17. Had a derelict bus shelter taken out of Gwilym Street

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:

Council	15	/	16	93.75	%
Democratic Services Committee	3	/	3	100.00	%
Planning Committee	11	/	12	91.67	%
Overall	29	/	31	93.55	%
Scrutiny Meetings:					
Adult Services Panel	13	/	13	100.00	%
Overall	13	/	13	100.00	%

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Governor of Burlais Primary and Pentrehafod Comprehensive Schools. Member Mid and West Wales Fire Authority

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

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Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

19/05/2017 - Good Decision Making, Bias, Pre-determination & Rules of Natural Justice
07/11/2016 - Safeguarding
19/10/2016 - Village Green Training
19/10/2016 - Rights of Way Training
27/06/2016 - Wales Planning Act - Development Management Procedures

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Together with my fellow ward Councillors, we delivered a newsletter to every home in the ward every six weeks

I made representations on and received assurances on the future of Brynhyfryd Library, leading to the Cabinet Member announcing that the library review instigated by the council administration had now been scrapped. I challenged the ban on black bags being taken to the Penlan recycling centre and the limit on three black bags being imposed on householders.

I also opposed the above inflation council tax increase of 2.75% passed in February 2017, pointing out that a band B council tax increased to £1,109.50 a year or £110.95 for each of the ten months it will be collected.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300 (2016-2017)

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>

Date:

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