

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2018-2019

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines activities over the year ending **08 May 2019**. 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 Ward:	Cwmbwrla
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Senior Salary Position:	Deputy Lord Mayor
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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:

- Offered support to a local group seeking to restore Babell graveyard
- Lobbied the Post Office to reopen a branch in Manselton
- Used Community Funds to help improve security at Cwmbwrla/Manselton Community Centre
- Reported and had fixed a large number of potholes in the area
- Got the council to complete landscaping around the Burlais School car park
- Arranged the planting of wildflowers in key areas of the ward
- Pressed planning enforcement to regularise opening and closing times for businesses in the former Blyth's premises
- Continue to press drainage to tackle flooding in Eaton Road
- Used the Neat Team and cleansing to keep on top of fly-tipping and litter in the area.
- Pressed network rail to spray knotweed behind Courtney Street
- Made Richard Street and part of Courtney Street one way Part funded new play equipment for Cwmbwrla Park
- Arranged with Coastal Housing for barriers to be put in place to stop parking on the pavement in Pleasant Row
- Agreed with Housing Association that the new development on the former Cwmbwrla School site will be called Clos John Charles
- Opposed cuts in opening hours at Brynhyfryd Library
- Offered support to Circus Eruption in bringing St Luke's Church back into use
- Had pedestrian guard rails replaced in David Street
- Have worked with the new owner of the former Manselton School to keep the site secure
- Taken up numerous complaints about recycling, refuse collection, dog mess, litter, housing problems and many more.

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](#).

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

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

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

Attended many civic events as Deputy Lord Mayor, all detailed on my Mayoral Musings blog here: swanseamayoralmusing.blogspot.com/

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Together with my fellow ward Councillors, we delivered a newsletter to every home in the ward every six weeks and used this newsletter to highlight to constituents investment in our education system by the Welsh Liberal Democrats Education Minister. We continued to challenge the ban on black bags being taken to the Penlan recycling centre and the limit on three black bags being imposed on householders. We also opposed the above inflation council tax increase of 6.7% passed in February 2019, pointing out that a band B council tax increased to £1,246.16 a year. That is 38% more than in 2012, or £343.68 extra in a full year.

Section 5: Learning and Development

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

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I continue to maintain a community Facebook group with nearly 5,000 members called Cwmbwrla, Manselton, Brynhyfryd and Gendros Community, which can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/141803462890431/>

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Civic Salary (Deputy Lord Mayor): £18,300

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

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

Date:

06/06/2019