

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2013-2014

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **7 May 2014**. 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: Joe Hale	Electoral Division: St Thomas
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Section 1: Constituency activities

We held regular residents meetings which on the whole were very well attended.

At these meetings we invited a Council Officer from a Department dealing with a 'hot topic'. This was well received by the residents and was an invaluable source of information.

We also held regular monthly ward surgeries. These were less well attended but I think that was due to the success of our residents' meetings.

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.

Appeals and Awards Committee	3	/	4	75	%
Area 1 Development Control Committee	6	/	12	50	%
Council	14	/	15	93	%
Development Management & Control Committee	2	/	8	25	%
Joint Consultative Committee	5	/	7	71	%
LA Governor Panel	8	/	10	80	%
Rights of Way and Commons Sub Committee	2	/	6	33	%
Student Liaison Forum	1	/	3	33	%
OVERALL	41	/	65	63	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Governor of both St. Thomas and Danygraig Primary Schools.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Several ward initiatives were carried out in the last year at the request of residents. These included:-

The development of a skate park in Maesteg Park and an upgrade of the play facilities in Maesteg Park.

A fenced off picnic area by the Ashlands Community Centre in Port Tennant (thanks to the NEAT team).

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Regular clearance of the lanes across the ward.

More dog fouling notices, bins and patrols.

An extensive review of residents' parking in several streets across the ward and the introduction of 20mph zones.

We also saw a 'living barrier' installed on Fabian Way, a notorious motorway separating St Thomas from SA1. The living barrier is an attempt to prohibit pedestrians from crossing Fabian Way in the wrong places and putting themselves and motorists in danger.

Heavily involved in the Communities First Project and the continued support for local job creation and the development of the Swansea Tidal Lagoon.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I undertook the following Governor training:

22/11/2013 Meeting The Needs of Children

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Although we have worked tirelessly we still have lots to achieve.

Main objectives for the coming year:-

Footbridge across Fabian Way. A crossing on Foxhole Road for the residents of the Grenfell Park Estate.

'Art Across the City' moving out of the City Centre and going across the city maybe into areas like St Thomas – Port Tennant. (Art is powerful but has more impact on those that see themselves as 'powerless').

Raise residents' awareness of the role they can play in political decision making (ongoing).

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary - £13,175 per annum.

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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