

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2015-2016

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2016**. 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

Again it has been a very busy year.

We held Monthly ward surgeries in the ward in St Thomas Church Hall, the Gwyn Mission, Fabian Bay Church, Port Tennant Community Centre, and St Illtyds Church Hall.

We have dealt with numerous ward issues from littering and dog fouling to major concerns around car parking, road safety and the inevitable increase of student accommodation in the ward. We also attended regular meetings with University Trinity St. David's and held on-going meetings with the Tidal Bay Lagoon Company. This list is not exhaustive by any means!

We have supported many ward initiatives the most well-known of these being Polly's Park which has taken on a life of its own, only because of the hard work and support of the residents who wanted something better for their Children and Grand Children.

The end of May will also see the reopening of the Jersey Park Pavilion which has found a new lease of life after the GSP (Grenfell Park, St. Thomas, Port Tennant Community Regeneration Partnership) stepped in to take the pavilion over. We are now looking to support and help develop the Ashland's Community Centre.

We are also doing all we can to make our local roads safer. Foxhole Road is still a major concern for us as is the junction of Maesteg. We will do all we can to get the funding needed so our residents can cross the roads safely.

We have seen some improvements on the junctions on the Tawe Bridges but, we still feel the pedestrian signalling needs to be more robust and we are looking for a trail of the "countdown" pedestrian crossing system.

The patch team have just left the ward so we are hopeful we will have less Pot Holes for at least a few months. We are also thankful for the hard work of Council Employees in the ward who continue to cut the grass, pick up litter and generally try to make the ward a nice place to work, visit and live in – so hats off to them!!

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:

Appeals and Awards Committee	1 / 1	50	%
Business & Administration Cabinet Advisory Committee	3 / 4	75	%
Corporate Services Cabinet Advisory Committee	6 / 7	86	%

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Council	17	/	18	94	%
Democratic Services Committee	0	/	1	0	%
Joint Consultative Committee	3	/	5	60	%
Standards Committee	4	/	6	67	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	2	/	3	67	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum - Residents Partnership	1	/	1	100	%
OVERALL	37	/	46	80	%
Scrutiny Meetings:					
Public Engagement Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
Service Improvement & Finance Scrutiny Performance Panel	5	/	11	45	%
Tackling Poverty Scrutiny Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Tethered Horses Scrutiny Working Group	2	/	3	67	%
OVERALL	9	/	16	56	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Member of the following outside bodies:

Mid & West Wales Fire Authority and National Waterfront Museum.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I took part in the Tethered Horses special Scrutiny Working Group and at the time of writing a member on the Tackling Poverty scrutiny Working Group.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training:

22/01/2016 - Standards Committee Training

I have been involved with Trade Unions and politics actively over the last 30yrs. I believe that experience in itself leads me to have a balanced view on many issues that affect me as a councillor. I hope to think I have empathy with working people of all ages.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I enjoy all sports, particularly football, when I get the chance I am also a keen reader. And as I am getting older the garden seems to be beckoning to me.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300

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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