

# 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.

<b>Councillor:</b>	Lesley Walton	<b>Electoral Ward:</b>	Townhill
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<b>Senior Salary Position:</b>	n/a
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## Section 1: Constituency activities

- 1) I have continued to deal with casework issues as and when they arise, liaising with council officers etc and always get back a constituent to let them know the outcome
- 2) Alongside my ward colleagues I have managed to get a number of improvements carried out across the ward such as:
  - i) speed humps along Nicander Parade
  - ii) improved fencing around the perimeter of Paradise Park
  - iii) had wild flowers planted at three locations across the ward
- 3) I have held my regular monthly surgeries, covering for my colleagues as required
- 4) I have continued in and/or on behalf of the constituency to be involved - as governor at LA Governor of Dylan Thomas Community School, attending regular & additional meetings, school events such as concerts as well as providing advice & support, acting as liaison between school and local authority - in regularly attending board meetings of the Hill Community Development Trust, based in the Phoenix Centre, and have also:
  - a) given particular support on marketing the services the centre provides, especially through using Social Media, to ensure future sustainability; pass on information that I receive as a councillor, which I think may be of use to them and the residents who use the centre, such as on benefits, & job opportunities - in attending meetings of Financial Inclusion Steering Group (FISG) & Swansea Poverty Prevention Partnership (SPPF) where possible, as both groups have continued to look from various perspectives at tackling poverty, which compliments the work I do on the Poverty PDC.
- 5) I have also attended various other one-off events including:
  - i) the reopening on Townhill Library after its refurbishment in early 2018.
  - ii) Scrutiny Focus Group to assess how well it is working for Swansea council, February 18.
  - iii) opening of the new health centre on Mayhill Road, in April 18.

Please also see blog at [lesleywaltoncouncillor@blogspot.com](mailto:lesleywaltoncouncillor@blogspot.com)

## 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

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

As Deputy Whip I have given much practical support to my fellow Labour councillors to enable them to carry out their role effectively, and in accordance to the councillor code of conduct.

### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I have continued to serve on the Friends of group committee in Mayhill, to look after the picnic area around the pond, off Nicander Parade, and the surrounding grass area. (It also covers the Community Food Garden at the bottom of the ravine in Castle Ward.) Involving local residents we have done regular litter picks, cleared away flytipping, virtually eradicating the dumping of black rubbish bags. We have also repaired paths, weeded & strimmed, restored the Hillside Corridor board, and been working on an Information Board and leaflet.

### Section 5: Learning and Development

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

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

My previous work experience, from teacher, advisor at CAB, and housing officer, all help me deal with residents, specifically in handling casework sensitively & effectively. I have continued to:

- 1) liaise with the local credit unions LASA & Swansea Bay, in order promote them as a far better alternative to all loan sharks, both legal & illegal
- 2) support Eastside Food bank both with a regular monthly monetary donation, one-off emergency food donations, and encourage other councillors to do likewise
- 3) sing with the community choir Voices on the Hill which has given a number of performances such as at the St Nicholas' Christmas service.

### 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](#).

<b>Date:</b>	21/10/2018
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