

## 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.

<b>Councillor:</b> Lesley Walton	<b>Electoral Division:</b> Townhill
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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) I have managed to get a number of improvements carried out across the ward such as
  - i) fencing to stop flytipping corner of Granogwen & Tegid
  - ii) had the junction lines moved on corner of Dyfed & Merlin to help with road safety
  - iii) had wooden posts installed to complete the fencing along the whole of Pantycelyn
- 3) I have also continued to prepare & help deliver regular newsletters to all our residents
- 4) I have held my regular monthly surgeries, cover for my colleagues as required, and done numerous street surgeries offering help/advice to residents
- 5) I have continued to serve as LA Governor of Dylan Thomas Community School, attending regular & additional meetings, school events such as the Christmas Concert as well as providing advice & support, acting as liaison between school and local authority

### 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.

Audit Committee	9	/	11	82	%
Corporate Services Cabinet Advisory Committee	6	/	10	60	%
Council	15	/	16	94	%
Democratic Services Committee	3	/	3	100	%
Education & Young People Cabinet Advisory Committee	10	/	11	91	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	0	/	1	0	%
Trustees Panel	1	/	3	33	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Scrutiny Meetings</b>					
Digital Inclusion Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>/</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>%</b>

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

- 1) In addition to council committees I have continued to sit on and/or support various outside bodies : Hill Community Development Trust, Communities 1st West Cluster, both based in the Phoenix Centre, and TOPIC House.
- 2) As convenor I chaired the scrutiny working group on Digital Inclusion which looked at how to ensure all our citizens can access services without being excluded through our increased use of IT.

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### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Alongside my fellow Ward Councillors, I have

- used our community budget for wild flowers to again be planted across the ward
- have successfully set up a Friends of Mayhill Washing 'Lake' & Community Food Garden which crosses over the border with Castle; this has continued to involve Communities 1st, Castle Ward councillors, and local residents in keeping the picnic area around a pond down from Nicander Parade clear of all litter & flytipping, and creating a food garden down the hill just off North Hill Road
- liaised with UWTSD & proposed developers of the Townhill Campus site
- put by some of our community budget in order to refresh the play area next to the new Medical Centre on Mayhill Road

I have also attended various other one-off events including

- ♦ a very useful meeting of Swansea Friends Forum
- ♦ an inspiring Armed Forces Day in Castle Square
- ♦ visiting Swansea Mosque on its national open day

### Section 5: Learning and Development

1) In previous employment I have gained much as a teacher, advisor & Deputy Manager at CAB, and housing officer, to aid me in dealing with residents, in general, and specifically in handling constituents casework sensitively & effectively.

2) I carried out Audit Committee Training Knowledge and Skills Framework on 14/06/16. I have also been making use of my training on S106 Planning Agreements, in order to improve the monitoring of the process to ensure that the council receives the full amount agreed by the developer and in a timely manner.

3) I also undertook Data Training on 22/11/16 in my role as a School Governor.

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

I have continued to

1) liaise with the local credit union LASA to continue to promote both LASA itself and other alternatives to all loan sharks, both legal & illegal

2) support Eastside Food bank both with a regular donation but also in encouraging other councillors to give donations

And I also joined the community choir Voices on the Hill which has given a number of performances including in Castle Square, march this year, at Our Abertawe - Celebrating Swansea Together event.

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

### 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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