

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:	Lesley Walton	Electoral Ward:	Townhill
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Senior Salary Position:	
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Section 1: Constituency activities

My previous work experience, as teacher, advisor at CAB, and housing officer, all help me deal with residents' casework sensitively & effectively. Within the constituency :

- 1) I have continued to deal with casework issues, liaising with council officers etc, always get back a constituent to let them know the outcome
- 2) I have held my regular monthly surgeries in the Phoenix Centre, and also cover for my colleagues as required in other ward venues
- 3) Together with my ward colleagues, we have been working hard to address a number of ward issues :
 - safety of children playing on Phoenix Centre roundabout
 - traffic calming measures needed for Townhill Road
 - speeding on Meadow Street
 - parking around Seaview School
 - match funding with our community budget to provide play facilities at Mayhill Park
 - quad bikes damaging Gors Playing Fields
 - fly tipping down the ravine from Lady of Lourdes roundaboutWe will continue to do so until suitable resolutions have been found.
- 4) Also with my colleagues I have over the past year supported the annual Phoenix Funday, looked into providing cycle routes across the ward using the WG's Active Travel fund, and again agreed to three ward locations for wild flowers.
- 5) As well as council committee meetings I also attend
 - meetings and other events as LA Governor of Dylan Thomas Community School, and also provide advice & support, acting as liaison between school and the local authority
 - board meetings of the Hill Community Development Trust, based in the Phoenix Centre, and continue to give particular support on marketing the services the centre provides, and forwarding information that I receive as a councillor, such as & job opportunities, and updates for those on benefits
 - meetings of Financial Inclusion Steering Group, complimenting the work that I have been involved in on the Poverty PDC, in particular in enabling Swansea to set up a Poverty Truth Commission

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

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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](#).

As Deputy Whip I have given support & advice to fellow Labour councillors so that they can carry out their role effectively, eg on council email protocol, and most appropriate use of social media.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

- 1) As a founder member of the Friends of Mayhill Washing Lake I have continued to look after the picnic area and the surrounding grass area. Together with local residents we have done regular litter picks, cleared away fly tipping, in order to eradicate the dumping of black rubbish bags.
- 2) In the past year I have also supported the Friends of Ganges Field, attending a walkabout, social and their recent AGM.
- 3) I am also a founder member of the recently formed group STOPP to address the issue of period poverty, especially practical solutions.

Section 5: Learning and Development

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

Section 6: Other activities and issues

- 1) I support and am a member of the local Swansea Bay Credit Unions, in order promote them as a far better alternative to all loan sharks both legal & illegal
- 2) I support Eastside Foodbank with a regular monthly monetary donation, one-off emergency food donations, and encourage other councillors to do likewise
- 3) I sing with the community choir Voices on the Hill which has given a number of performances such as events in St Nicholas' Church, and Phoenix Funday

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,600

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

Date:	17/06/2019
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