

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:	Will Evans	Electoral Ward:	Kingsbridge
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Senior Salary Position:	Cabinet Member - Children Services (shared with Elliott King)
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I held monthly advice surgeries at Garden Village AFC Clubhouse on Saturdays between 11.30 am and 12.30pm (1 Hour Minimum) and dealt with all referred issues/complaints, in a timely manner. I also attended local Police Surgeries and monthly Llchwyr Town Council meetings, the minutes of which are available on the Council's website at www.llchwyrTownCouncil.gov.uk The Town Council serves and supports the residents of Kingsbridge, Garden Village and Loughor Wards, by supplementing some of the services provided by the City and County of Swansea. For example, recreational facilities at the Welfare Hall, hanging baskets and wild flower displays, Christmas Lantern Parade and fireworks display in collaboration with Gorseinon Town Council, providing community seats and awarding financial grants to worthy causes in the Llchwyr area.

I compiled and delivered newsletters, highlighting local issues and dealt with a considerable number of telephone calls and e-mails for constituents, seeking advice and assistance on a range of topics. I gave my support and took 'Positive' action wherever necessary.

I regularly walked around my Ward and reported defects such as highway pot-holes, unlit street lamps in residential areas, damaged street furniture and sporadic fly-tipping, to the appropriate Council Departments for immediate action.

I visited the sites of all Planning Applications within the Kingsbridge Ward and called 'Site' visits, where necessary. I regularly liaised with the local Police Neighbourhood team based at Gorseinon and referred local residents complaints such as excessive motor vehicle speed, indiscriminate parking, motor vehicles causing an unnecessary obstruction of the highway, dog fouling and litter. I also informed Council's Enforcement Officers of complaints in relation to blatant abuse and breaches of Road Traffic Regulation Orders (Yellow Lines) and requested their attendance, when appropriate.

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](#).

The Cabinet Member Portfolio for Children's Services Young People comprises an eclectic range of responsibilities including Child and Family Services, Safeguarding, Youth Services, Youth Offending Service, Corporate Parenting, United Nations Rights of the Child and Looked After Children.

I sat on the following Bodies:

Children and Young Peoples' Board.

Corporate Parenting Board.

Youth Offending Service Management Board.

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

Trustee Director Gorseinon Development Trust. (Chairman)

School Governor at Tre-Uchaf Primary School.

School Governor at Pontybrenin Primary School.

Llwchwr Town Council.

Loughor Town Trust (Vice Chairman)

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

A vast amount of my time has been spent engaging with Planners and local constituents on the Local Development Plan 2010 - 2025 draft proposals for large Housing Developments at Garden Village and Llewitha and its huge potential impact on infrastructure, associated traffic issues and lack of local health facilities.

Following the Welsh Government Planning Inspectorate's examination and approval, the final LDP document was formally approved and adopted by Swansea City Council on the 28th March, 2019.

A new Road Traffic Regulation Order in respect of a weight restriction of 7.5 ton for motor vehicles (Except for Access) at Swansea Road, Garden Village, came into force on the 29th March, 2019, and replaced the previous Traffic Order which was flawed. This action was necessary due to complaints of widespread abuse over a number of years, by coaches travelling to and from Gower College, Kingsbridge. To-date efforts to resolve the situation with all parties has had limited success.

Section 5: Learning and Development

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

Section 6: Other activities and issues

1) I have been actively involved in ongoing negotiations to develop the 1.4 km Kingsbridge Cycle link from Garden Village to Gowerton. (Route 4 National Cycle Network) On the 19/6/19 approval was granted by the Welsh Government Planning Inspectorate for the construction of a shared Pedestrian and Cycle Track under S38 of the Commons Act, 2006. (Reference COM/3222911). This will join the existing Cycle track at Garden Village

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to Gowerton Railway Station across Stafford Common and It is anticipated that these works will be completed this Financial year 19/20.

2) In July, 2018, during our very hot summer, 3 Fire Crews spent 10 hours battling to contain a 2 hectare blaze on Garn Goch Common, destroying natural habitat and threatening the Garn Goch Hospital site.

Money from my Councillor's Community Budget (previously Environmental Allowance) was utilised for the following projects. Details can be found on the Council's Website <http://www.swansea.gov.uk/councillorcommunitybudget>

1. 30/1/19 - Installation of 'Keep Clear' signs outside Fire Station on West Street.
2. 7/3/19 - Amendment of times on Prohibited Waiting TRO at Belgrave Road.
3. 20/3/19 – Construction of a new timber footbridge on Public Footpath No72 at Llewitha.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary (Cabinet Member): £32,300 pro-rata (6 months)

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

Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be [viewed here.](#)

Date:	25/06/2019
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