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.

Councillor: Kelly Roberts	Electoral Ward:	Gorseinon
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 Senior Salary Position:
 n/a

Section 1: Constituency activities

I have held regular monthly surgeries in Gorseinon at the Pop-up Community Cafe and One Stop Shop at Ty Newydd Community Centre. In addition, I have listened to your concerns and issues and have acted on these by:

Installing new dog waste bins on the Cycle Track, Alexandra Road and Eynon Street. Installing new waste bins on Park Road and Alexandra Road.

Installing new ashtrays at Argyll Bus Station and on the High Street.

Organising a number of community planting events around Gorseinon.

Organising a number of litter picking events around Gorseinon, collecting over 100 bags of litter.

Working with residents around Gorseinon to help clear a number of back lanes, particularly Lime Street, Pontarddulais Road, Cecil Road and Brighton Road.

Organising the removal of fly-tipping from a number of hot spot areas.

Installing new railings on Pontarddulais Road to ensure the safety of children exiting Parc Melin Mynach

Supporting a safer routes to schools funding bid to the Welsh Assembly Government. Although this bid was unsuccessful, I have continued to campaign for a safety crossing on Pontarddulais Road and Heol Y Mynydd.

Having the double yellow lines repainted on Argyll Avenue

Liaising with local police and highways officers on a number of parking/speeding issues throughout Gorseinon.

Providing advice and guidance to a number of individuals regarding personal matters. Working closely with South Wales Police to try and resolve issues of ASB around Gorseinon

Working closely with the Local Housing Office to discuss housing concerns and help a number of residents with housing related issues.

Making donations to organisations and groups in Gorseinon, including the Eynon Street Allotment Society, West Street Gymnastics, the Community Car Scheme, Royal British Legion and the Spring Pride Event held in Swansea.

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

Councillor responsibilities can be viewed here.

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Councillor appointments to outside bodies can be viewed here.

Gorseinon Town and Llwchwr Town Councillor LEA Governor for Gorseinon Primary Parent Governor for Penyrheol Comprehensive LEA Governor for Gower College Swansea Corporation Board Secretary of Food With Friends Volunteer at Gorseinon Foodbank

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

Using my community budget, a grant from Gorseinon Town Council and money raised with local community members, I successfully upgraded the Chapel Street Play area in Gorseinon.

I worked closely with Gorseinon Town Council to provide the Pump Track at Parc Melin Mynach

I campaigned for a new vehicle detection system, which has been installed at the Cockelshell and West End traffic lights and has improved congestion and queues by 20%. I co-organised both Gorseinon Family Fun Days in August 2017/18 and raised over £1000 for charity and local initiatives.

I co-organise Food With Friends, a free community meal held in Gorseinon.

Section 5: Learning and Development

Councillors training can be viewed here.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I successfully set up a weekly litter picking initiative with Gower College, who subsequently received an award from the Mayor of Llwchwr Town Council for their community work. I continue to Volunteer at the Gorseinon Foodbank and set up the toiletries initiative, Christmas Pop-up shop and back to school Pop-up shop. I remain committed to representing the people of Gorseinon. It is a pleasure to see the community coming together to volunteer at Food with Friends, to donate toys and toiletries to the Food Bank, pop-up shops and join in at the community cafe. I will continue to work towards creating a more cohesive and improved Gorseinon.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,400

Councillors travel and subsistence claim forms can be <u>viewed here</u>. Councillors annual expenses and allowances can be <u>viewed here</u>.