

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2013-2014

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **7 May 2014**. 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: Uta Clay	Electoral Division: Llansamlet
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Section 1: Constituency activities

All Llansamlet councillors held regular surgeries, every 1st and 3rd Friday, 5-6pm at Birchgrove Community Centre, Lon Gwesyn, and 2nd and 4th Saturday, 10.30-11.30am at Stadwen Youth Club, Bethel Road

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.

Area 1 Development Control Committee	6	/	9	67	%
Area 2 Development Control Committee	0	/	3	0	%
Corporate Parenting Forum	2	/	6	33	%
Council	11	/	15	73	%
Development Management & Control Committee	5	/	8	63	%
Trustees Panel	0	/	5	0	%
OVERALL	24	/	46	52	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I was incapacitated with both an accident and an illness for a substantial part of this period.

In addition to the Council committees I attended, I also served on the governing bodies of Glais Primary and Trallwn Primary Schools and attended meetings when I was able to do so.

I also attended PACT meetings for Birchgrove and the Trallwn Area.

I regularly attended meetings of the Birchgrove Community Association; this provided a very good opportunity for people to bring up grievances with regards to community facilities and also personal ones. This led to a number of other initiatives which will benefit the community.

Swansea East Community First Cluster, which meets at Bonymaen, is one of my highest priorities

I am now a committee member of Birchgrove Community Centre and attend meetings regularly.

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Some 'duties' come with considerable pleasure, like attending the Family Fun Day at Primrose Park (organised by my colleague, Cllr Penny Matthews) and the village party in Glais last summer.

I make a point of visiting the Pensioner's luncheon club in Llansamlet Community Centre and the afternoon drop in session at the OAP place off Birchgrove Road.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I have had some success in community campaigns:

I was instrumental in helping in setting up Friends of Heol Las Park and Scotts Pit.

I have been involved in discussions to preserve and maintain the facilities at Llansamlet Nature Reserve.

After many years of campaigning by the community and ward councillors I have finally achieved the reinstatement of the bus shelter on Birchgrove Road.

I have been leading the campaign to tidy the litter between Gwalia Housing and Parc yr Helic.

I have participated in the discussions between ward councillors and council officers about the increasing concerns about the worsening traffic situation on Heol Las.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training session:
14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making

Before I retired I was an Adult Learning Disabilities social worker and consequently have an intense interest in the ongoing debate about the future of Adult Services in Swansea.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

The unresolved issue of Traveller sites is a continuing matter that takes a large amount of time.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary - £13,175 per annum.

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>

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