

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: David Cole	Electoral Division: Penyrheol
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I ran separate monthly surgeries in both Grovesend and Penyrheol. I conducted a grit bin survey in both areas to ascertain correct inventory. I attended both public meetings to discuss Gypsy / Traveller sites in the ward. I worked with the Highways Department to identify roadways/footways not on the 2013 work plan to ensure inclusion where necessary. I worked with Highways to identify areas of concern in the ward eg Nisa store, Frampton Road, Brynawel Road (outside Hospital).

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.

This section will be populated by Members Support

Appointments Committee	11	/	12	92	%
Area 2 Development Control Committee	11	/	12	92	%
Council	13	/	15	87	%
Development Management & Control Committee	7	/	8	88	%
Equalities Committee	12	/	12	100	%
LA Governor Panel	9	/	10	90	%
Licensing Committee	14	/	15	93	%
Licensing Sub-Committee	4	/	4	100	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	14	/	16	88	%
Sustainable Development Fund Panel	3	/	3	100	%
OVERALL	98	/	107	92	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I attended both Grovesend Community Council and Gorseinon Town Council monthly meetings. I attended Gorseinon and District Labour Group monthly meetings. I was a member of the Joint Resilience Unit for Swansea / Neath Port Talbot Councils. Member of Gower AONB Sustainable Development Fund Panel and a member of the Petty Officer Evans Memorial Committee. Member of the following Working Groups / Panels: Historic Buildings; Affordable Housing; Economic Inactivity; School Meals; Parks Scrutiny Committee, Gypsy Traveller site provision. Also a member of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service (Fire Authority)

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I was a member of the 2013 Carnival Committee which re-introduced the Carnival to Gorseinon. I was central in the establishment of Melin Mynach as a site of interest for Nature Conservation (SINC).

I worked with Grovesend Community Council / Pengelli Primary School in order to raise the profile of need for a controlled pedestrian crossing on High Street.

Section 5: Learning and Development

27/03/2014 - Understanding Asylum Seeker and Refugee Issues

27/11/2013 - Understanding the Council Budget

25/10/2013 - Corporate Parenting

14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making

I also attended a Safer Swansea Consultation session on 11/03/14

I was previously employed as an Environment Health and Safety Manager, therefore I was fully trained in all aspects of Risk Management / Risk Assessment. I was also trained in Project Management.

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I was previously a captain of both Gorseinon and Neath RFC's. An avid walker and have visited the Gower AONB extensively. Very interested in maintaining open spaces locally. I was (and at time of writing still am) member of the following organisations: RNLI; RSPB; Wetlands (Penclacwydd); Children's Liver Disease Foundation. Regular blood donor having given on over 40 occasions. Member of Mawr Walking Club and Governor of Penyrheol Primary School.

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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