

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: ANN COOK	Electoral Division: COCKETT
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Section 1: Constituency activities

24 Councillors Surgeries were held in Cockett Ward during the year, and regular "Walkabout" Surgeries to see the issues in the ward and meet Constituents.

I worked with the relevant Council Departments to tackle fly-tipping /flyposting, Street Cleansing and stray horses roaming the area.

I was involved in the "Grow Local Scheme".

I worked with the local PCSO'S on various issues in the Ward.

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 2 Development Control Committee	10	/	12	83	%
Council	13	/	15	87	%
Democratic Services Committee	8	/	8	100	%
Development Management & Control Committee	6	/	8	75	%
Rights of Way and Commons Sub Committee	6	/	6	100	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	14	/	16	88	%
OVERALL	57	/	65	88	%

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown above.

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Vice Chair on the Tourism Scrutiny Panel and Transport Scrutiny Panel.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I sat on the North West Cluster Steering Group as the Cockett Ward Member representing the Gendros Community. This included monitoring the work of the Communities First Team across the Northwest Swansea Cluster.

This year I worked with Communities First in the North West Cluster to establish and maintain projects in the Gendros Community Centre. Projects over the last year have included Communities First youth provision and street games activities, ICT provision and classes and other events.

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I am currently working with the North West Cluster team with a view to help them deliver further project activities focussed on the Gendros Community.

Chairperson on Gendros Community Centre Management Committee and was successful in obtaining funding for various activities to help keep the Centre open.

Campaigned for a bus service to run on Sundays in Waunarlyydd, and obtain two new bus shelters.

Was successful in getting 6 raised flower/veg beds and funding for a small orchard for the residents in Ty-Dewi Sant Fforestfach.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

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

22/01/2014 - Rules of Debate

27/11/2013 - Understanding the Council Budget

14/10/2013 - Pre Decision Making

Various dates – Leadership Academy

Section 6: Other activities and issues

Councillor surgeries were held on a regular basis and advertised in shops, etc and in the newspaper.

Attended PACT meetings in Fforestfach Library, Cockett Community Centre & Waunarlyydd Community Centre

Attended Communities First & North cluster Community meetings

Attended Councillor Training Courses

Attended School Governor Training Courses

Attended meetings held in Housing Office Blaen-y-Maes

Attended meetings held in Senior Citizens Club Fforestfach

Visited day centres in the ward

Volunteered one afternoon a week for Age Cymru

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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