

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2015-2016

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2016**. 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

I have attended monthly surgeries in the ward, and advertised them in the local press, and also on our Cockett Ward Website, and through Social Media, I also do regular walkabout street surgeries, meeting and talking to residents.

I visited day centres, & the senior citizens pavilion in Fforestfach, also Tŷ Dewi Sant. I attended Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings around the ward, and worked closely with the Police to address issues such as anti-social behaviour, etc.

Governor in Gendros Primary School and Dylan Thomas School. Chairperson on "Friends of Ravenhill Park" Forum which I helped to organise.

Chairperson on Gendros Community Centre Management Committee and I helped with various events and activities.

I attended public meetings in Gendros Community Centre & Ravenhill to address issues relating to anti-social behaviour.

In addition to the above I have dealt with numerous enquiries all across the ward regarding Traffic issues, tenancy issues, housing allocation, fly-tipping, dog fouling, recycling collections, street cleansing, noise nuisance, residents parking, street lighting, grit bins, potholes, knotweed inquiries, shoddy workmanship on refurbishments, benefits, parking tickets, Council Tax etc.

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.

Attendance % based on Committee membership shown below:

Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee	9	/	11	82	%
Council	17	/	18	94	%
General Licensing Committee	15	/	16	94	%
LA Governor Panel	7	/	9	78	%
Planning Committee	16	/	19	84	%
Prevention & Social Care Reform Cabinet Advisory Committee	3	/	3	100	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	12	/	14	86	%
Services Cabinet Advisory Committee	4	/	4	100	%
Statutory Licensing Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Statutory Licensing Sub Committee	2	/	2	100	%
OVERALL	91	/	103	88	%

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Scrutiny Meetings:

Public Engagement Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	1	0	%
Streetscene Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	1	0	%
OVERALL	0	/	2	0	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

I was on the Scrutiny Programme Committee, and the Scrutiny Panel dealing with the Gypsy and Traveller Site Provision Scrutiny Review of Site Search Process. Vice Chair on the Planning Committee and member on the Licensing Committee.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I formed the "Friends of Ravenhill Park Forum" and am currently the Chairperson on the Management Committee, and helped to organise events in the Park.

I have campaigned and been successful in helping to fund a new disabled access path to the playground in Ravenhill Park, and also helped to paint the equipment.

I also helped to provide funding for wildflower gardens there and also on Bryn Road, Waunarwydd. Together with my ward colleagues, I have also helped to fund new "Welcome" road signs.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training:

18/04/2016 - Guidance on Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment & Scrutinising Changes to Community Services

13/04/2016 - S.106 Planning Agreements / Obligations

12/04/2016 - Residential Design Guide Refresher Training

08/03/2016 - Wales Planning Act - Development Management Procedures

25/02/2016 - Planning Committee Training - Rights of Way

07/07/2015 - Licensing Committee HMO and Street Trading

Section 6: Other activities and issues

My primary focus is and always will be dealing with issues raised by constituents, and meeting the needs of the local community.

Throughout the year I have supported Waunarwydd Primary School on World Book Day reading stories to the children which I enjoyed very much. I supported as many activities in the ward as I could, events in the Community Farm, Waunarwydd Carnival, Friends of Ravenhill Park, Ty Dewi Sant, and events in Fforestfach Library.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary: £13,300

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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