

City & County of Swansea - Councillor's Annual Report 2014-2015

This Councillor's Annual Report outlines their activities over the year ending **18 May 2015**. 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: Mary Jones	Electoral Division: Killay North
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Senior Salary Position:	Chair Scrutiny Programme Committee Commenced 22/12/14
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Section 1: Constituency activities

I helped many constituents with a wide range of problems from fly tipping, blocked drains to fallen trees.

I held surgeries when needed and was always contactable to help residents with their concerns.

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 above.

Appointments Committee	0	/	3	0	%
Area 2 Development Control Committee	6	/	8	75	%
Constitution Working Group	1	/	2	50	%
Council	15	/	17	88	%
Democratic Services Committee	3	/	3	100	%
Development Management & Control Committee	6	/	7	86	%
Joint Consultative Committee	5	/	7	71	%
Planning Committee	5	/	6	71	%
Scrutiny Programme Committee	5	/	5	100	%
Swansea Student Liaison Forum	0	/	3	0	%
OVERALL	46	/	61	75	%
Scrutiny Meetings					
Local Service Board Scrutiny Performance Panel	5	/	6	83	%
Public Engagement Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	1	0	%
Public Transport Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	1	/	1	100	%
Streetscene Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	2	/	3	67	%
Sustainability Scrutiny Working Group	0	/	1	0	%
OVERALL	8	/	12	67	%

I was and still am a Member of the Scrutiny Programme Committee but I was/am not able to attend the Special meetings scrutinising the process of the Gypsy Traveller sites. This is because I had an interest to declare as I was part of the decision making process previously which bars my involvement.

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Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

Chair of Governors at Hendrefoilan Primary School.

Governor at Olchfa School and Chair of Curriculum and Assessment Committee.

Member of Killay Community Council until 29/5/15.

Member of Swansea Bay Regional Equality Council but resigned earlier this year.

Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

I have kept residents informed by having meetings regarding a planning application for a large housing development in my ward. I have done this by holding meetings, putting updates on my Councillor Facebook page and in newsletters.

I have lent support and attended meetings of the Friends of Dunvant Park to help them move the project forward to improve the park.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

29/01/2015 - Making Scrutiny More Effective

25/11/2014 - Making the best use of Performance Information

I also attended Child protection training for Governors which was held at Olchfa School on 26/11/2014

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I kept residents updated regarding the Local Development Plan and the impact on our area.

I attended a Licensing Hearing with local residents to fight an extension of hours to a liquor licence at the Murco garage.

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Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Basic Salary - £13,300 up to 22/12/2014
Senior Salary - £22,000 from 22/12/2014

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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