

## 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.

<b>Councillor:</b>	Susan Jones	<b>Electoral Division:</b>	Gowerton
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### Section 1: Constituency activities

- I held monthly surgeries in Gowerton Library on Saturday mornings between 11 a.m. and 12 noon where residents were given advice on a variety of issues. I gave monthly reports to Gowerton Community Council outlining my activities. I sent reports to the Evening Post and have started a Facebook page to inform residents of my activities.
- I attended PACT meetings in the village where residents were able to have their fears and concerns recognised and actions implemented e.g. speeding concerns and parking concerns in the village. I held regular meetings with the village policing team to discuss concerns associated with the village. I attended Police Division Meetings at Gorseinon Police Station.
- I attended area meetings with the Housing Department to ensure issues were reported and solutions made e.g. access from some bungalows was improved in Llys Elba also Residents Parking Lines established in this complex.
- I organised a Public Meeting for the residents of the Elba Estate when the Rent Review Situation occurred. Made contact with the Leasehold Advisory Service, an appropriate Barrister, held surgeries to help the residents, facilitated the Action Group and supported the group and individual residents throughout the process.
- I negotiated with the Highway Department on a variety of safety issues for the village and had bollards placed near C.K's Supermarket. The bollards were funded from my Councillors Environmental allowance and the remaining funds raised for the Pelican Crossing which was not needed. I also organised signage to try to prevent heavy goods vehicles entering Elba Street. I also had discussions regarding parking issues on Station Road with Network Rail.
- I had an extra see-saw and exercise furniture established in the Park at Park Road. I had benches removed from Elba Estate because of anti-social behaviour of youths.
- I attended many committee meetings and training in my role as Governor in both the Primary and Comprehensive Schools in Gowerton.
- I regularly dealt with a number of general ward issues e.g. potholes, parking, dog fouling, Leylandii trees and Japanese Knotweed.

### 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:

Area 2 Development Control Committee	7	/	8	88	%
Corporate Parenting Forum	3	/	3	100	%
Council	16	/	17	94	%
Development Management & Control Committee	7	/	7	100	%
Equalities Committee	5	/	5	100	%
OVERALL	38	/	40	95	%

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### Scrutiny Meetings:

Attainment & Wellbeing Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	5	/	6	83	%
Child & Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel	9	/	9	100	%
Inward Investment Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	4	/	4	100	%
Local Flood Risk Management Scrutiny Working Group	1	/	1	100	%
Public Engagement Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	1	0	%
Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	7	/	7	100	%
Transformation of Adult Social Services Scrutiny Panel	9	/	10	90	%
OVERALL	35	/	38	92	%

### Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

In addition to my role as a County Councillor I was a member of Gowerton Community Council. I was a Governor of both the Primary and Comprehensive Schools. I was a member of Gowerton Twinning Association. I was an active member of the Scrutiny process (TASS, Child and Family Scrutiny Board, Corporate Parenting Forum).

### Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

- I organised a memorial wreath to commemorate soldiers who died in the First World War from the parish of Waunarlwydd and Gowerton to be placed at the Welsh Memorial in Flanders.
- Gowerton R.F.C. was awarded a grant through the Armed Forces Community Covenant Funding programme because of their close links with local cadets towards the cost of floodlights. I attended the launch of the floodlights which was in the form of a Rugby Match between Gowerton R.F.C. and The Army Reserves (Wales). Hopefully this will improve the links with my village and the Armed Forces.

### Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training sessions:

23/02/2015 - Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking

09/12/2014 - Defamation

19/11/2014 - Elected Members Role in Supporting & Promoting Gypsies, Roma & Travellers

23/10/2014 - Safeguarding

08/10/2014 - How to get the most out of your tablet / smart phone

06/08/2014 - Public Engagement

03/07/2014 - Freedom of Information Training

03/07/2014 - Data Protection (Including role as Data Controller) Training

### Section 6: Other activities and issues

Attended fetes, memorial events and concerts in the ward. Environment issues in connection with the candidate sites in the village.

### 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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