

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: Andrea Lewis	Electoral Division: Morriston
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Senior Salary Position:	Chair of Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee (up to 31.08.15) Cabinet Member – Next Generation Services (from 01.09.15)
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Section 1: Constituency activities

Schemes Delivered Across Morriston - We delivered a number of schemes across the Ward, listening to your requests, concerns and issues, including the following:-

- Wild Flowers and Floral Displays across the Ward;
- Hard standing and supply and installation of a new bus shelter on Llanllienwen Close;
- Funding the supply and installation of festive lights on Woodfield Street and organising the Christmas Light Switch On for 2015;
- Dog waste bin at Mynydd Gelli Wastad Road;
- Refurbishment and installation of a seat on Woodfield Street;
- Yellow Lines on Christopher Road, Springfield Street (Tawe View Crescent and Penrice Street);
- Installation of a new street lighting column on Lower Banwell Street;
- Resident Parking on Wychtree Street.

Work was also carried out to progress the following schemes to be delivered in 2016/17:-

- Parking Issues near Cwmrhydyceirw Stores - Traffic Regulation Order for the link road between Chemical Road and Heol Dyfan, moving the barrier to create more parking and yellow lines to be installed at the bottom of the access lane for Great Western Terrace;
- Supply and installation of bus shelter at Clydach Road, Ynystawe;
- Installation of uncontrolled crossings (dropped kerbs) at the junction of Heol y Deri and Chemical road and the junction of Maes y Gwernen Road and Cwmrhydyceirw Road to improve access for the public.

Tackling New Psychoactive Substances (aka Legal Highs)

The campaigning and actions that we, your Morriston Councillors, took regarding concerns raised by local residents around the sale of legal highs, working in close collaboration with our Trading Standards Team and South Wales Police, resulted in the successful prosecution and arrest of the offending shop owner. We also called upon Welsh Government and Central Government to introduce legislation banning the sale of these toxic products and I am pleased to say this legislation is now in place, making any sale of these products on our High Streets illegal. We will continue to protect our young people in Morriston and indeed across the City and County.

We worked closely with the Police to help resolve issues of anti-social behaviour on Woodfield Street and attended a number of meetings with local Traders to help address this issue.

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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:

Appointments Committee	10	/	14	71	%
Cabinet	9	/	11	82	%
Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee	4	/	4	100	%
Community / Town Councils Forum	0	/	2	0	%
Council	16	/	18	89	%
Democratic Services Committee	1	/	3	33	%
External Funding Panel	2	/	5	40	%
Joint Consultative Committee	0	/	1	0	%
Planning Committee	9	/	10	90	%
OVERALL	51	/	68	75	%
Scrutiny Meetings					
Public Engagement Scrutiny Inquiry Panel	0	/	1	0	%
OVERALL	0	/	1	0	%

Section 3: Councillors role and responsibilities

At the beginning of the 2015 - 2016 Municipal Year, I held the position of Cabinet Advisory Committee Chair for Communities until September 2015 when I was promoted to Cabinet Member for Next Generation Services.

My Cabinet portfolio responsibilities encompass:-

Council House Management; Council House Repairs; Housing Policy, Affordable Housing & Housing Options; Housing Renewal Schemes; Housing Renewals & Adaptations; Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS); Identify & Implement New Commercial Models; Deliver income from new Commercial Models; Councillors Delegated Budget Schemes; Improve Procurement Frameworks; Energy Schemes; City Deal (Link with Enterprise, Development & Regeneration); District Heating Schemes; Sheltered Housing (Link with Adults & Vulnerable People); School Building Programme – Quality in Education (QED) 2020; Lead Element of Sustainable Swansea

Since taking up post in September, I have been working extensively on areas of delivery within my portfolio. Due to changes in the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy, we have found ourselves able to return to Council House building for the first time in over 3 decades. A great deal of work has already taken place to identify two pilot sites and progress the new developments, which will be built to Passivhaus certification, reducing energy bills for council tenants. Significant progress has also been made with the wider More Homes Strategic Plan which will help inform how we develop future Council-owned sites to help deliver more housing in Swansea to help meet the ever increasing demand and also assist with the deficit in affordable housing. There are significant benefits attached to the House Building Programme with the creation of jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities. I am working on the development of our Corporate Apprenticeship Strategy. I was a Council representative of the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) attending several meetings in Cardiff and I attended regular meetings as a Director of Bay Leisure Ltd.

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Section 4: Initiatives and Special activities

2015 Morrision Christmas Lights Switch On - Your Morrision Councillors worked together to organise and deliver the second "Christmas Light Switch On" event in Morrision which was again a resounding success. I'd like to thank all those involved in making this event the success it was, with special thanks to Communities First for their support with the lantern parade, Morrision Tabernacle for allowing us to use their premises, Kevin Johns for compering and also "The Wave" for their very positive contribution, the Morrision Primary School choirs for their excellent performances and also the Police and the Mid & West Wales Fire Service for helping Santa with transport issues.

Floral Displays - My Ward colleagues and I arranged the extensive floral and wild flower displays throughout the Morrision Ward and I am pleased to say this year's scheme will be even bigger and better with the addition of flowers on the railings of Morrision Tabernacle, St David's Church and opposite Ynystawe Primary School, together with the wild flowers and flower schemes you will have seen in previous years.

Section 5: Learning and Development

I attended the following training:

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

Section 6: Other activities and issues

I dealt with a high volume of ward issues on behalf of Morrision residents, including fly tipping, parking issues, housing issues and dealing with various other concerns.

I held weekly Councillor Surgeries, in rotation with my Ward Colleagues, in Morrision Library, every Saturday morning from 10am until 12 midday. I also held surgeries in Memorial Hall, Cwmrhydyceirw, on a regular basis.

I was and continue to be a board member for Memorial Hall. I attended Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings and Market Street Residents Association meetings.

I attended meetings as a school governor for Pentre'r Graig Primary School and Morrision Primary School. I am currently School Governor for Morrision Comprehensive School and Morrision Primary School. I attended regular Labour Executive and Group meetings. I was and continue to be Secretary of the City & County of Swansea Labour Group.

Section 7: Councillors Remuneration

Senior Salary: Chair of Communities Cabinet Advisory Committee - £22,000 (up to 31 August 2015)

Senior Salary: Cabinet Member – Next Generation Services - £32,000 (from 1 September 2015).

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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