

COUNCILLORS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2014 - 2015

Councillor: Michelle Swallow

Ward: Clayton & Fairweather Green

Party: Labour

Date Elected: 03/05/12

Basic: £13173.36

Special Responsibility: £2264.11

Other Council Remunerations:

Positions held:

Area Planning Panel (Bradford)

Area Planning Panel (Keighley and Shipley)

Bradford West Area Committee

Education Appeals Panel

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Miscellaneous Licenses Panel

**How many neighbourhood forums have you attended?
(Please state a number and not all)**

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Other meetings/bodies which you regularly attend: (e.g School governing bodies outside bodies etc)

Play Partnership Executive (Chair)

Play events across the Bradford District

SACRE - Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) District Engagement Committee

Clayton Community Association

Ward PACT Meetings

School Governors Meetings at Brackenhill Primary School

Management Committee Meetings of Tracks / Hospital Schools Management Committee

Public Forum for Education events

Lower Grange Community Association

My priorities for the past year were (May 2014 to May 2015)

To be as available as possible to Clayton & Fairweather Green residents and to represent their views both collectively and individually.

To work with my colleagues to help support community groups and develop greater community involvement and activity for the people of the Clayton & Fairweather Green area and to work with Police to help tackle crime and anti social behaviour.

I will continue to try and get improvements in access to NHS Dental Care, not only in Clayton & Fairweather Green but throughout the Bradford District.

To continue to seek resources for more improvements within the ward.

I also continued to deal with the issue of dog fouling on our streets and in our parks and work on projects and strategies to tackle this common issue.

I continued to keep residents informed of issues affecting them in their area by writing to them.

My priorities for the coming year (May 2015 to May 2016) are: (Please list or describe your priorities or targets as a Councillor for the coming year)

To improve the cohesion of the community and facilitate the working together of different groups.

To continue to be as accessible as possible and to continue with a programme of regular surgeries in different parts of the Clayton & Fairweather Green ward, including street surgeries.

To work with my colleagues to help support and develop greater community involvement and activity across the Clayton & Fairweather Green community and to work with Police to help tackle crime and anti social behaviour.

To keep the pressure on to get the derelict shops on the junction of Four Lane Ends demolished to improve the area and so that constituents do not have to constantly look at the eyesore.

To engage fully with all the learning, development and training opportunities available to me as an assistant to a Portfolio Holder so that I can more effectively serve all the people in our community.

What I have achieved in the past year (May 2014 to May 2015) (Please list or describe some of your activities as a Councillor and what you see as your key achievements)

Play: I hosted and spoke at a Play Partnership networking event which brought together many different organisations from across the District all focussed on improving access to high quality Play for all children and young people.

Cold Calling Control Zones: I worked with residents in Clayton and with Police, local wardens and West Yorkshire Trading Standards and my colleagues, to get Cold Calling Control Zones to protect and empower vulnerable residents.

Councillor Surgeries: I have held a number of surgeries with my colleagues, in set locations and also street surgeries throughout the ward.

Supporting the Community: I have participated in a range of community events across the ward and supported community groups with litter picks, fundraising and other forms of support.

Communication with Residents: I have written letters to every resident about issues affecting them in their area and to let them know how we as councillors can help them whether it is with assistance with planning issues or school appeals or with recycling.

Casework: I have personally handled hundreds of pieces of casework assisting constituents with a range of issues from faulty street lighting, benefit referrals, social care, education, cleansing and school appeals.

What training sessions, seminars, briefings and conferences have you attended to develop your skills and gain knowledge that has helped you to serve the people of the district? (Please list them).

I have attended numerous seminars, training update sessions and briefings relevant to the committees and panels on which I serve, as well as other events and conferences when available, to increase the breadth of my perspective affecting the constituents of Clayton & Fairweather Green and the wider Bradford District and West Yorkshire Combined Authority area.

Engaging with Schools

Planning

Introduction to IT

Licensing

Welfare Reform

Public Health Open Day

Safeguarding Children and Adults

Advocacy Skills

Corporate Parenting

Care Act - What Members need to know

Finance

Planning – City on the Move

Online Bradford Child Safeguarding Board training on CSE

Attendance at the Play - Somebody's Daughter, Somebody's Sister

Q & A on CSE