

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

LISTED BUILDING	The Old Town Hall, 70 Castle Street, Loughor, Swansea
Grade:-	II
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Notes:-***Location:-***

Situated on the north side of Castle Street some 170 metres northeast of the castle.

History:-

Town Hall of 1867 for the ancient borough of Loughor, built to designs of Henry Davies of Llanelli, initially with meeting room upstairs, goal cell and accommodation for policeman downstairs. An additional block for accommodation was added in matching style, perhaps by same architect, in the later 19th century. Since converted to a single house.

The borough of Loughor was abolished in 1886, by the Municipal Corporations Act of 1883. It was of ancient but uncertain date, governed by a portreeve, twelve aldermen and burgesses.

Exterior:-

House, former town hall, rock faced square brown sandstone with tooled dressings of the same stone and slate eaves roof. Two storeys, two bay original building with one bay matching addition to right. Rendered brick end stacks to original building, hipped roof with brick stack to addition. Addition has front wall slightly set back and correspondingly deeper flat eaves.

Three first floor horned sixteen pane sashes over three ground floor square windows with sixteen pane smaller sashes, all renewed in 20th century. Raised rusticated quoins at angles to original block and at right hand corner of addition, and similar window surrounds, the blocks rock- faced but with tooled edges.

Ground floor windows have stone voussoirs and big keystones, upper windows have voussoirs under eaves. Stone sills. Raised stone plinth.

Left hand wall has similar stone facing and arched window in gable with rusticated surround and 20th century glazing bars. This is above first floor porch reached by external stair with simple iron railings. Paved landing with similar railings, flat roof open porch on two cast iron columns, and six panel door with stone slab lintel into former council chamber. In the base of stairs, facing road, 20th century door in doorway with single slab lintel.

Rear of original range is roughly rendered rubble stone with two ground floor windows. Right end wall of addition is rendered with small eight pane first floor sash. Clear building joint to added section to left. On street line is gateway to match façade with board door, single slab lintel and battlements.

Interior:-

Interior altered to house, not available for inspection. In 1975 it had ground floor prison cell remaining much in its original condition.

Listed:-

Included as a small mid Victorian civic building retaining its character and of special historic interest as a reminder of the ancient borough.

Reference:-

J. Newman, Buildings of Wales, Glamorgan, 1995, page 416