

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013 / 2014



Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council operates under executive arrangements. Responsibility for the authority's functions is overseen by a Leader and Cabinet made up of Councillors from the party or group with the most members. The allocation of Chair and Vice Chair posts is also based by law on the number of seats each party or group has, and this number again will have influence on the appointment of Councillors to outside bodies.

Opinions, advice, conclusions and other information in this report shall be understood as neither given nor endorsed by the authority or on its behalf. It is a report by the Councillor referred to below regarding their key activities over the period from the day the date of the Annual General Meeting on 14th May 2013 to the Annual General meeting on 21st May 2014. It is provided for the information of constituents and for no other purpose.

Councillor:	DAVID ISAAC
Political Party:	LABOUR
Electoral Division:	PENYDARREN

Committee Membership, Roles and Attendance

This section relates to membership as an elected member, not in a personal capacity. Democratic Services has provided information on committee membership and attendance for Council Committees. However, where Councillors are a member of any other committees, they have provided details from their own records.

Council Committees: 98% Attendance

Full Council

Chief Executive's Scrutiny Committee (incorporating Crime and Disorder Committee)

Social Services and Social Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

External Committees and Outside Bodies:

MTBC/RCT Drug+ Misuse Preventive Training Group

Gwaunfarren School Governor, Governor for the Welsh Language

Ysgol Santes Tudfil, Governor, Governor for Child Protection

My Work as a Local Councillor

Under this heading, Councillors have identified the work undertaken on behalf of local constituents. Reference has also been made to any major initiatives or special projects they have been associated with on behalf of MTCBC, which have a direct impact on local constituents.

I have continued to hold my regular surgeries at Horeb Residents Hall throughout the year and have held surgeries at the residents centre in 9th Avenue Galon Uchaf.

I have also continued to hold street surgeries, knocking on doors of the residents of Penydarren and Galon Uchaf to enquire if they have problems I can help with.

Attended local Pact meetings and have accompanied our local PcsO on his patrol around our ward. And have addressed complaints arising in a timely manner.

I have been contacted by a number of residents who have felt I could provide assistance and support on matters ranging from fly tipping, rubbish collection and highway problems to neighbourhood disputes involving police and housing organisations also problems needing the help of the trading standards officers.

I regularly receive phone calls from residents of the ward needing advice and assistance on a number of issues, and am always prepared to listen and offer appropriate support.

I also comply fully with the data protection act when dealing with personal details given to me by constituents.

Learning and Development

In the Learning and Development section, Councillors have demonstrated instances where they have taken the opportunity for personal development by taking part in initiatives and events aimed at improving their understanding and awareness.

I have taken part in the following Learning and Development initiatives during the past year

- On-line IT Training
- Questioning Skills Training
- Web Casting Training
- Freedom from Domestic Abuse (sexual abuse)
- Domestic Abuse awareness training

I have attended all pre-Council Presentations

Other Activities and Issues

Under this heading, Councillors have provided information on themselves to demonstrate the 'personal' aspect of their role as a local Councillor which they believe would be of interest to constituents.

With the concerns of the community over the proposed changes to the health provision still being a worry to many, I have continued to voice my opinion against any downgrading of health provision in Merthyr Tydfil.

As I have notated above I have accompanied the local PCSO a number of times as he has carried out his duties around our ward.

The problem of dog fouling is an issue residents of the ward contact regularly contact me about. I am working with the dog ward to combat this disgusting problem.

I continue to support the residents of Horeb Close pensioners club attending the regular Friday coffee mornings. The residents often go on day trips arrange bingo sessions as well as this year making a short film with the help of Merthyr Valleys Homes entitled Silver Hoodies.

I am pleased to announce the long awaited pedestrian crossing I have campaigned for has been given funding from the Welsh Assembly. The scheme will enable the residents to access the local bus stop and give the local children a safer way to cross the very busy road to our local schools

Councillor David Isaac
Date: July 2014