

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015 / 2016



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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 20 May 2015 to the Annual General meeting on 18 May 2016. It is provided for the information of constituents and for no other purpose.

Councillor:

LISA MYTTON

Political Party:

INDEPENDENT

Electoral Division:

VAYNOR

Comprising the communities of:

Cefn Coed, Trefechan, Pontsticill, Cwmtaf

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 outside the Council's responsibility, they have provided details from their own records.

Council Committees:

[Link to Councillor Lisa Mytton's attendance page](#)

External Committees and Outside Bodies (as a representative of MTCBC):

[Link to Councillor Lisa Mytton's personal page](#)

Other Bodies (not in their capacity as a Councillor):

- School Governor Ysgol y Graig Primary
- School Governor Cyfrathfa Park Primary
- PTA Cyfarthfa High School
- Board memembr Stephens and George Charitibale Trust
- Board mener Merthr Tydfil Instiyute for the Blind

Salary

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales sets how much is paid to a Councillor depending on their role is, e.g. Cabinet Member, Chair of a Committee, Scrutiny Member, etc. The attached link will take you to the 2015/2016 Schedule of Remuneration which lists what each individual receives.

[Link to salaries, expenses and allowances](#)

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 hold monthly surgeries within my ward, the surgeries focus on key developments within the ward and are an opportunity for residents to attend and receive advice, guidance and support on any issues they may be facing, some issues I have dealt with include, Grit bin requests, pot holes, safeguarding, Anti-social behaviour, etc.

I also have telephone calls and house visits on a regular basis where again advice, guidance and support is given to residents, follow up support is always given and I engage with third parties in order to get answers for my residents and ensure that they receive a satisfactory outcome.

I use social networking to inform residents throughout Merthyr Tydfil and wider afield about events and activities taking place within the borough, consultation events, and current issues facing the council. I have also sent out requests for suggestions from the public on scrutiny items that could be looked at.

I have organised and attended many charity events, supporting local charities and organisations with the services they provide.

During the last year I have received calls from residents requesting support in dealing with Anti-Social behaviour, I ensured that I exhausted every avenue available in order to support them including the Police, Housing Associations, Council etc. to ensure I had a positive result, the outcome was a successful one and residents felt supported.

I attend local PACT meetings, where over the last year I have highlighted many of our residents' concerns and ensured that action is taken as a result.

I attend the Vaynor Community Forum (every third Monday of the month). This Forum looks at the issues and concerns of the Vaynor Ward. Topics have included Tree Felling, Rights of Way's, Potholes and Waste and Recycling issues etc., which I take responsibility for along with my ward colleague.

I have attended and supported many local groups and organisations throughout the ward and county borough, such as dance groups, after school clubs, local village hall, churches, OAP's, theatre groups, etc., with advice, guidance and grant funding.

All of the above is undertaken in partnership with my fellow ward colleague Cllr Howard Barrett which I firmly believe the partnership supports our community and ensures that we can meet resident's needs.

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:

- Scrutiny Development
- Single Integrated Plan
- Data Protection

I have attended the following pre-Council Presentations:

- Estyn Briefings
- Safeguarding

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.

Over the last 8 years I have been instrumental in organising an annual Christmas event in the ward which has grown year on year and feedback from residents say they feel it brings the community together.

I have held regular meetings with our local Police, supporting community events, supporting the Pontsticill Community Group in asset transfers of local facilities.

Supporting the local Rugby Club with issues around its lease, liaising with officers and recently with the Homeless shelter group in Merthyr Tydfil

Councillor Lisa Mytton
Date: August 2016