

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015 / 2016



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:

BILL SMITH

Political Party:

LABOUR

Electoral Division:

GURNOS

Comprising the communities of:

Gurnos & Lakeside Gardens

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 Smith's attendance page](#)

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

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

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

- Gurnos nursery
- Pen y dre High School
- Gurnos Fly start
- Consultancy joint Committee
- Merthyr Care Repair Management Board
- Merthyr Valleys Homes
- Safer Merthyr
- Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust

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 have and will continue to hold weekly council surgeries on Friday afternoon between 2pm /3pm t the 3 Gs office at the Gurnos shopping Centre

I attend the old Gurnos T/R Board meeting monthly

I attend P.A.C.T. with the police every two months

I Attend up to dates meeting with the 3 G/s with the lead office

And regularly addressed any complaints or queries in a timely manner

Lead member in the project team in changing the use of the Gurnos Community Centre to a new early year

Learning centre call fly start for the age of 2 years till 3 years old funding from Welsh Government of half a million and 50 thousand from MVH had extra funding to fence the whole of car park off

Funding from Barclay Bank Regeneration department for a new fence around outside playing area

Woking in partnership with Merthyr Valleys Home, Forsythia Youth Club ,in blocking up 3 sub- ways at

Lupin Close and Forsythia Close, Gurnos ring road

The new safer routes for school children walking to pen y dre high School with 3 new zebra crossing in the Gurnos

The new environment scheme at Clover Road shopping area, and supported the new housing development In the Gurnos

Supporting Merthyr Tydfil housing association, Merthyr Valleys Home and Groundwork Caerphilly, in starting a reuse recycling centre in the Merthyr Tydfil town centre

Board member of Merthyr of Merthyr Valley Home that supported in taking Merthyr Valleys Home to a Mutual Housing Association

Executive Board member of Merthyr Tydfil care & repair in supporting the jointing up with R.C.T.care repair with the new name Care & repair Cwn Taff

Working with Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust and Pen y dre high School in funding the sport facilities to be open from September 2016 till April 2017

Lead member working with Merthyr Tydfil council legal team ,Trading Standard, South Wales police

On Public spaces protection order for Merthyr Tydfil County Borough

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:

- Safe Guarding children and adults
- Leisure Trust
- Planning Department
- MVH
- Schools Governors
- Community Leadership and Future Generations
- Effective Scrutiny for Better Outcomes
- Level 1 Vulnerable Adults Training
- LDP Review PINS Training

I have attended the following pre-Council Presentations:

I make every effort to attend the presentations that are held between Cabinet and Full Council

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.

I support the Forsythia Close.

I meet with Pen y Dre School teaching to interview pupils and parents on why their children are not attending school with the schools welfare officer.

I also support the teaching staff at Pen y dre school interview pupils and parents on anti-social behaviours in the classroom

And I support and work with the Youth offending Team and Merthyr Valley Home in clean-up days in picking up litter and general rubbish in the Gurnos ward

Councillor Bill Smith
Date: August 2016