

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council COUNCILLOR'S ANNUAL REPORT MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/ 2016



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County Borough Council

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:

ERNIE GALSWORTHY

Political Party:

LABOUR

Electoral Division:

TREHARRIS

Comprising the communities of:

Treharris, Cilhaul, Edwardsville & Quakers Yard

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 Galsworthy's attendance page](#)

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

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

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

- Afan Taf school governor, Ysgol Rhyd Y Grug school governor
- Treharris Festival
- Treharris Boys and Girls Club

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 am the Council Champion for Older Persons, The Equalities champion, The Heritage Champion and the Welsh Language champion. All these roles impact on not only the Treharris Ward but throughout the Borough. In these various roles I have visited diverse groups within the borough and in particular for the last two years as Equalities champion I have been heavily involved with the Welsh Government Diversity in Democracy project which involves acting as Mentor for prospective candidates at future council elections.

I represent the Authority as a member of the Nuclear Free Council. I met the Mayor of Hiroshima at Manchester University in the room where Scientists split the atom.

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:

- **Fire Safety**
 - **Effective Scrutiny for Better Outcomes**
 - **Data Protection Training**
 - **Level 1 Vulnerable Adults Training**
 - **Safeguarding**
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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 am member of Merthyr Care and Repair in a personal capacity. This organisation provides a valuable service to the community as a protection from rogue builders. I am also involved with the Treharris Festival which raises money for the Children's Christmas festivities. I am Trustee of Treharris boys and girls club and am also Treasurer of the Tydfilian Roman Run which raises funds for the Mayors appeal.

Councillor Ernie Galsworthy
Date: August 2016