

Elected Member Annual Report – 2015/16

Councillor Sheila Penry

Electoral Division: Neath East

I continually strive to be as active as possible within my Neath East ward. I am Vice Chair of the Melin Cryddan Conference (MCC) Board, Leader of Neath Town Council and Chair of the Mayday in Melin Cryddan Group which raises funds towards the maintenance of Christmas lighting in the Melin. It has also been my honour to be Deputy Mayor of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

In addition, I have had involvement in local community improvement, renewal projects and the NPT Consortium.

Assistance and advice to local residents and how to benefit from Neath East Renewal Grants is something that I have also been able to provide during the year, particularly in relation to obtaining improved cavity wall insulation as well as new doors, windows to allow people's homes to become much more energy efficient.

I am also a parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, a member of the All Churches Together Committee as well as the Neath Food Bank and Melin Neighbourhood Watch Committee.

In relation to local schools in my ward, I am an LEA Governor at Cwrt Sart Community Comprehensive and Vice Chair of Governors Melin Junior School. It has also been a pleasure to visit local schools in my capacity of Deputy Mayor.

I am also a member of the following Outside Bodies:

- Swansea Bay Port Health Authority
- Joint Resilience Committee
- Neath Town Centre Redevelopment Group
- Neath Town Centre Consortium Executive Group
- Community First – Neath Consortium

In addition, I have also attended numerous Member seminars and briefings throughout the year which have been a very great help and learning experience to understand more about how the various departments of the Council operate and provide excellent services to our local community.

I hold surgeries within my community every month and I deliver my newsletter twice a year to all local residents to keep everyone informed of what has happened and what is happening in the ward as well as in Neath Port Talbot as a whole.

As well as my role as County Borough Councillor for the Neath East Ward, I was also re-elected in May 2012 to Neath Town Council for the Penrhiwtyn Ward and I am currently Leader of Neath Town Council and Chair of the Town Council's personnel committee.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure in working with local residents and organisations on a day to day basis and playing a part in making the Neath East community a safe, friendly and prosperous place to live and work in. I will continue to do my utmost to serve my community of Neath East, and the County Borough as a whole.

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