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Keeping you safe this winter



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(L-R) John Jarman, Darren Chaffe, Cllr Brendan Toomey, Phil Davies and Robert Evans at the depot.



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**Leader's Introduction
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As we go about our normal daily routines, we sometimes forget the hardship that is around us.

It seems that during these cold winter months, people are more aware of those living in poverty and the individuals in our County Borough who are homeless.

Unfortunately, these individuals are living in these situations all year round and we need to continue to work with our partner organisations to look at preventative measures to improve the lives of those most vulnerable in our community.

Volunteering in the night shelter over the last few years and talking to those who are accessing this service, highlights that at any time anyone of us could find ourselves in such a situation.

What I am continually in awe of are the residents of our County Borough and how they pull together to help those most in need.

The volunteering groups and those continually collecting and donating just reinforces how the people of Merthyr Tydfil will always go over and above to support those less fortunate than themselves.

The reason I signed up to be a Labour Councillor was to make sure everyone in our County Borough had the same opportunities and that there is equality for all.

As the Leader of this Council, I will continue to work hard, both with my fellow Councillors and Officers of the local authority to achieve this in these challenging times.

With the reduction of funding of 0.5% to our budget this year from Welsh Government, we know that we will have to make difficult decisions on what services the local authority will continue to deliver.

Thank you to those residents that participated in the recent budget consultation for 2017/18 to help us make these decisions.

Together, we will need to be committed in making significant savings. We will need to look at alternative ways in delivering services which will have an impact on us all.

The challenge of finding £4.2 million of savings over the next year is daunting; however, with the residents of Merthyr Tydfil working with us, we could achieve this!

As both the Leader and as a fellow resident of the County Borough, I want to continue to get the best for the people of Merthyr Tydfil, with the aim of also showcasing the County Borough as a centre of excellence for the South Wales Valleys.

Leader of MTCBC

Interested in becoming a local Councillor?

WHAT A COUNCILLOR DOES...

- A Councillor's role can include:
- Representing your local ward
 - Decision making
 - Policy and strategy review and development
 - Regulatory duties
 - Community leadership and engagement
 - Overview and scrutiny

How much do I need to know?

The main qualifications are an interest in your local community and a willingness to learn. Once elected you will be offered a comprehensive induction to your role as a Councillor and will receive ongoing support, guidance and training.

To help you carry out your duties you will also have access to the Democratic Services team as well as advice from other professional officers of the council.

What expenses can I claim if I become a Councillor?

Councillors receive an annual basic salary and certain approved duties are eligible for travel and/or subsistence allowances. Some Councillors also receive a senior salary for particular duties they undertake (for example, chairing a committee). In certain circumstances, an allowance is available for expenses arranging the care of children or dependents while undertaking official business as a Councillor.

IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A CANDIDATE...

You MUST be:

- at least 18 years old
- a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European union; and
- meet at least one of the following four qualifications:
 - (1) you are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the local authority area in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards
 - (2) you have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises on the local authority area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election
 - (3) your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of election has been in the local area
 - (4) you have lived in the local authority area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of election.

You CANNOT stand as a candidate if

- you are employed by the local authority or hold a paid office under the authority (including joint boards or committees)
- you hold a politically restricted post
- you are the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order
- you have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment of three months or more (including a suspended sentence), without the option of a fine, during the five years before polling day.
- you have been disqualified under the Representation of People Act 1983 (which covers corrupt and illegal electoral practices and offences relating to donations) or under the Audit Commission Act 1998.

Interested?

If you would like to know more about BEING A COUNCILLOR for Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council you could attend one of our public meetings or speak informally to one of our current Councillors or political groups.

If you are thinking of STANDING FOR ELECTION and wish to discuss it with the local authority please contact Democratic Services who will be happy to provide advice on the rules around submitting nomination papers and campaigning.

We are also hosting an event led by the Welsh Government aiming to increase the diversity of individuals standing for election to local government. It's being held on Thursday 16th February 2017 at 6pm at the Civic Centre and anyone interested in standing as a local Councillor is welcome to come along.

Telephone: 01685 725284 electoral@merthyr.gov.uk democratic@merthyr.gov.uk

Other useful information is available from:

Electoral Commission's Wales Office:
www.electoralcommission.org.uk
infowales@electoralcommission.org.uk or Telephone: 0333 103 1929

Welsh Local Government Association:
www.wlga.gov.uk enquiry@wlga.gov.uk or Telephone: 029 2046 8600

Welsh Government's 'Diversity in Democracy' programme –
www.gov.wales/topics/localgovernment/diversity-in-democracy customerhelp@wales.gso.gov.uk or Telephone: 02920 801 048

Google Streetview comes to Merthyr Tydfil



The spectacular walking scenery of the County Borough is no longer a secret and can now be viewed online by the entire world!

The Google Trekker Loan Programme accepted MTCBC's Planning and Countryside Department's unique bid to highlight the local scenery and heritage online on Google StreetView. The locations

winning the bid included popular tourist attraction Cyfarthfa Castle, Park, Ironworks and Viaduct, Gurnos Tramroad and Leat, Morlais Quarry, Taff Trail, Parc Taf Bargoed, Taf Fechan Nature Reserve, Pontsticill and Brecon Mountain Railway.

Staff carried the 'Google Trekker' (a specialist off-road rucksack camera used to capture images

on foot) around paths and trails in relays because of the awkward shape and heavy weight, which made for some interesting and curious looks from passers-by!

To see the locations simply visit Google Maps online and drag and drop the yellow pegman on to the required paths.

google.co.uk/maps



DECLARATION OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA IN TWYNYRODYN

An Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) will shortly be declared in Twynrodyn to cover properties in Twynrodyn from Davies Terrace up to Gilfach Cynon.

The air quality in the County Borough is regularly monitored by the Council and is generally

good. However, in recent years the levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO2), an air pollutant produced by vehicles, have been rising on Twynrodyn Road.

The levels of NO2 are now consistently above the Government's long-term Air Quality Objective and an AQMA

must be declared. A plan will then be produced containing measures designed to reduce the level of the pollutant and ensure air quality levels are improved for residents and visitors to the area.

All householders in the AQMA have been individually notified of the imminent declaration.

When the action plan for improving the air quality is produced, a wider consultation with residents and other interested parties will take place.

For further information including a map of the affected area visit our air pollution page on the Council's website



www.merthyr.gov.uk



Public.Health@merthyr.gov.uk



01685 725000

Vintage tearooms is the latest Merthyr Tydfil 'Meanwhile' launch

A unique support scheme helping Merthyr Tydfil entrepreneurs showcase their goods and services on the High Street has seen the launch of the town centre's first vintage tearooms.

Lunah Tearooms has opened at what was once Flocks jeweller's shop and will be the venue for the next six months for bespoke afternoon and gentlemen's teas, baby showers and children's parties – thanks to the 'Meanwhile' programme run by MTCBC and Merthyr Tydfil Enterprise Centre (MTEC).

Through the scheme - which matches entrepreneurs with vacant buildings and willing landlords – Tearooms owner Catherine Poole has received business and financial planning support from MTEC, with the Council securing a tenancy for her with Merthyr Tydfil Housing Association.

Catherine from Troedyrhiw has 25 years of baking experience

and, after taking redundancy, decided to turn her dream of a vintage tearoom into reality.

Specialising in homemade cakes baked daily on the premises and serving a range of teas using the finest china, customers will also be able to buy sandwiches and baguettes, salads and hot snacks.

• Lunah Tearooms is open from 8am-4pm from Monday to Friday; from 9am-4pm Saturday and closed Sunday. Visit www.lunahtearooms.co.uk; tel 01685 373081.



Cyfarthfa Park volunteers continue to help transform top attraction

Volunteering work, helping to transform Merthyr Tydfil's most popular tourist attraction is to continue after completion of a major redevelopment programme.

Cyfarthfa Park has seen an investment of £3.3m million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), Welsh Government, CADW and MTCBC over the past four years.

More than 120 local volunteers have contributed over £100,000 worth of their time to the Cyfarthfa Parks for People project, working alongside apprentices and staff from the Council and Merthyr

Tydfil Leisure Trust (MTLT).

The team has helped bring back to life disused structures such as the Icehouse, which was used to store foodstuffs, and original features such as the walled kitchen garden, glasshouses and buggy store. The Bothy – an old shelter – now provides accommodation for staff, meeting and classroom facilities, and will shortly house a new shop.

There have also been improvements to Cyfarthfa Ponds, the bandstand, bowls pavilion and tennis courts, enhancement of the

lake and park landscape and the installation of new pathways to improve access.

Merthyr Tydfil Mayor, Councillor Margaret Davies, presented the volunteers with certificates to mark their time on the scheme. "They have worked on landscaping and drainage, grown and sold produce from the park and helped with administration and events," she said.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? email: leanne.williams@merthyr.gov.uk or phone 01685 725365.



Keeping You Safe This Winter

When severe weather hits, the Council's gritting crews work round-the-clock to ensure that our roads are treated and residents can travel safely.

The crews make sure that the gritters are ready, our salt stocks are high and the salt bins are topped up across the County Borough.

Unfortunately, it's not possible for the gritters to spread grit on every road and pedestrian area, so to overcome this we've provided over 254 grit bins at key locations throughout the County Borough. These grit bins are for residents, motorists and pedestrians to spread the grit on public highway and pedestrian areas. They should not be used on private property, such as driveways.

There are a number of things you can do to help in instances of

bad weather. These include:

- Clearing your path or driveway
- Clearing snow and ice from the pavement outside your home or public spaces

Information on how to safely clear snow and ice can be found on our website.

Leader of MTCBC, Cllr Brendan Toomey, knows first-hand the challenges our crews face: "From going out with the crews a number of times over the years, I understand the difficulties and dangers that they face on each shift. This year I drove a gritter that was fitted with a snow plough, which extends approximately 2.5m at the front of the vehicle; this gave me a much better understanding of the concentration needed when the vehicles are in operation. Double parked vehicles, narrow streets,

roadworks and youths attacking them with snow balls make an already difficult job even harder. The crews have my full respect and admiration and I'd like to thank them for the work they do to keep our roads safe."

Useful information:

To report incidents during office hours: **01685 725000**

For Out of Hours and Emergencies: **01685 385231**
To report a grit bin that needs filling:

01685 725138
 highways@merthyr.gov.uk

For live, up-to-date information on school closures / gritting routes etc.

facebook.com/merthyrtydfilcbc

twitter.com/merthyrCBC

To view the Council's Winter Maintenance Plan visit: <http://bit.ly/mtcbc-wmpe>



Leader of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Cllr Brendan Toomey, driving one of the gritting vehicles.



John Jarman, from Council's Highways department.

Please don't be put off clearing paths because you're afraid someone will get injured – remember that people walking on snow and ice have a responsibility to be careful themselves! And don't believe the myths - it's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries if you have cleared the path carefully.



Winter Night Shelter 2017

This year, the winter night shelter is located upstairs at Merthyr Tydfil's Central Bus Station. The shelter, which opened on 3rd January, 2017, is run by volunteers and accommodates homeless

people in the coldest winter months between the hours of 6.30pm – 8am.

Council Leader, Councillor Brendan Toomey, stated that: "Once again this year I have volunteered to work in the

winter night shelter. Last year my experience in volunteering showed how the volunteers of Merthyr Tydfil can really pull out all the stops and support those less fortunate than themselves. A success

story worth celebrating is that four residents from last year's shelter went on to successfully secure their own tenancy which they have sustained (with or without support)".

Last year's night shelter opened

on 3rd January and ended on 15th March 2016. This period equates to 71 nights supplying a total of 710 bed spaces (10 per night) of which 526 spaces were utilised - giving a 74% occupancy rate.

Rural Action Cwm Taf – Your Views Matter

The Rural Development Programme for Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf (Rural Action Cwm Taf) is well underway and we would be interested to hear from you if you live or work in any of the following wards:

- Bedlinog
- Cyfarthfa
- Merthyr Vale
- Plymouth
- Treharris
- Vaynor

Our priority for the programme is to promote social inclusion, reduce poverty and improve economic development chances in our Cwm Taf area and we would welcome hearing from you should you have any views about this, or any issues that are important to your life in the above wards. We will include your views in our Local Development Strategy, which we use to direct the progress of the programme until it ends in 2021.

Also, if you would like to be part of the Local Action Group that manages the Programme we would be interested in hearing from you.

Rural Action Cwm Taf LEADER Fund

If you're part of an organisation that has new ideas for projects in the Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf rural wards, which will involve and benefit the local rural community, you might want to consider looking into the Rural Action LEADER Fund.

It's likely there will be another call for projects in early 2017, which must fit within the Rural Development Programme's criteria, so if you would like to know more or be added to the Rural Action Distribution list please contact the co-ordinator.

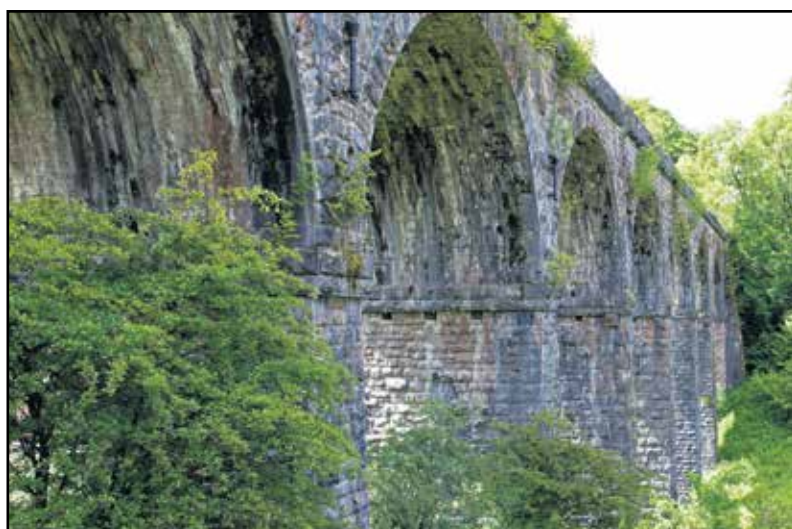
The Rural Action Cwm Taf Programme has received funding through the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-

2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

For further information contact:

✉: Ruralaction@merthyr.gov.uk

☎: 01685 727089



A Valentine's Day meal needs to be special. The Food Hygiene Ratings Scheme (FHRS) tells you about food hygiene standards in the places you can eat out. So if you look before you book at food.gov.uk/ratings, all you need worry about on the night is enjoying a romantic date.

Local authority checks include



What you should look out for



Remember - always 'look before you book'

For more information, visit: food.gov.uk/ratings

- Let's keep connected at [food.gov.uk/facebook](https://www.facebook.com/foodgov)
- Join our conversation @foodgov using #LoveFHRS
- Watch us on [food.gov.uk/youtube](https://www.youtube.com/foodgov)
- Repin us at food.gov.uk/pinterest
- Revine us at food.gov.uk/vine



VALLEY SWEEP

(Chimney Sweep)

MERTHYR TYDFIL

Martyn Gardner

Tel:- 01685 371351 or 0790 326 7296

ICS Registered • Safety Certificate and smoke test included.



More foster carers are needed for children in Merthyr Tydfil

Foster carers come from all walks of life. To be a foster carer you need to have a genuine interest in caring for vulnerable children whilst having patience and time to spend with a child to support them as they grow.

You will need to have:

- A real interest in helping local children and their families
- Time to devote to the needs of the child
- Time throughout the working day to attend to the needs of the child
- Energy and an enthusiastic attitude with children

- A secure and stable home environment
- A spare bedroom for a foster child, who should have a room of their own.

The Council offers a wide range of training to suit your individual placement needs and all carers receive an allowance to help them care for the foster children that are placed with them.

If you would like more information, please contact 0800 678 3798 or complete an Application of Interest form online at www.merthyr.gov.uk

'We Love Merthyr' Mobile App



This new app aims to provide instant easy access to a broad range of information about the town centre including shop promotions and deals, festival and event schedules, visitor information and a full business

directory. It contains features and benefits that help to make Merthyr Tydfil Town Centre more accessible to the demand of mobile shopping.

The free app is available for both Apple ios and Android

phones and tablets and can be downloaded by searching for 'We Love Merthyr' from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

Bird Boxes installed to help Dipper population

In arctic conditions, waist deep in water, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service installed three bird boxes along the River Taff in Merthyr Tydfil, to help our Dipper population.

Dippers are predominantly under water feeders, they use their wings to walk and swim through the water picking mayflies, caddish fly larvae and small fish (minnows) from the bottom of the river bed. These birds are of RSPB amber status. The UK population is declining due to the health of our rivers, too much pollution from chemical contaminants and diminishing aquatic insect food. The stretch of the River Taff in the town centre is highly modified and does not have as good a habitat for wildlife as much of the rest of the River Taff.

The boxes are directly above the water so the Dippers can fall straight in to the water if predators, such as mink and other large birds attack them.

Thankfully, here in Wales our

population is currently stable, but only if we keep looking after our rivers. A big thank you goes to the Firemen of Merthyr Tydfil Fire and Rescue Service, Welsh Government Directorate for Environment and Sustainable Development grant and Merthyr Tydfil CBC Planning and Countryside Department, for their help in improving the urban river wildlife connectivity in our town centre.



Active Merthyr Tydfil Community Timetable

Monday

Activity: Netball Tots Age: 3-6
Location: Pen Y Dre High School
Price: £3 per session
Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Activity: Back to Netball Age: 16+
Location: Afon Taf High School
Price: £3 per session
Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Activity: MGirls Age: 10-11
Location: Treharris Boys + Girls Club
Price: Free
Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Activity: MGirls Age: 11+
Location: Treharris Boys + Girls Club
Price: Free
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Activity: Kidz Fit Age: 3-6 + 7-11
Location: Aberfan Community Centre
Price: £2 per session
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Activity: Tennis Tots Age: 3-6
Location: Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Centre
Price: £3 per session
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Activity: MGirls- Fitnet

Age: 11-16
Location: Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Centre
Price: Free
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Activity: Rugby Tots Age: 3-6
Location: Afon Taf High School
Price: £3 per session
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Thursday

Activity: Basketball Age: 7-11
Location: Aberfan Community Centre
Price: £2 per session
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Activity: Merthyr Mix Basketball Club Age: 12-16
Location: Pen Y Dre High School
Price: £2.50 per session
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Activity: Back to Netball Age: 16+
Location: Dowlais Engine House
Price: £3 per session

Saturday

Activity: Saturday Sports Age: 3-6 + 7-11
Location: Aberfan Community Centre
Price: £1 per session
Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

For more information on any of these activities please contact the Active Merthyr Tydfil team. Email: activemerthyrttydfil@merthyr.gov.uk or telephone 01685727064



Treharris Boys and Girls Club Sailing the South Coast with the Island Sailing Trust

For the last three years Treharris Boys & Girls Club, in partnership with the Island Sailing Trust, have organised a week's sailing trip along the English South Coast.

Young people crew an 80ft yacht for the week-long voyage from Plymouth, calling at different ports along the coast. During the week they complete a Royal Yachting Association Competent Crew Certificate and are involved in all aspects of sailing the yacht; they prepare meals, navigate, put up sails and have some time ashore to explore the different areas. Some members even used the residential for their Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.

Treharris Boys & Girls Club has secured funding for two

voyages in 2017, one at Easter and one in August. The Easter voyage will be aboard the Pegasus yacht sailing from Plymouth to Torquay to escort the Tall Ships Race out of the harbour on their race across the Atlantic; and the August sail will be aboard the Tectona and will once again be exploring the English South Coast.



Places are limited, so if you live in the Treharris area and are interested or have any questions, please call Ray on 01443 410841.



Dewis Cymru

Have choice and take control

Search for community based services to support you and your family



Do you provide a service locally or are you involved in running a group or club?

If so, why not register on the DEWIS Cymru Website - www.dewis.wales

The site has been set up to provide information on a wide range of resources to help people with their wellbeing. These could range from local community based groups through to national charities and statutory services.

It's easy to do and we can provide support to help you register your information

Merthyr Tydfil CBC and Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC have joined forces with Cwm Taf University Health Board and

third sector partners Interlink and VAMT, to ensure the website is populated with a wealth of local information for its communities – from leisure to direct payments.

It will form part of the wider work being delivered across Cwm Taf in response to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act, which is now in place to give people greater say in the care they receive and highlights how good-quality information is crucial to help people remain independent, manage their well-being and shape the care they receive.

For further information contact the Information, Advice & Assistance Officer on 01685 725011 Sharon.davies@merthyr.gov.uk www.dewis.wales

All Together Now

By Morgan Elis - Young Reporter with Up And Coming Project email ts@smt.org.uk

On a bleak Sunday afternoon in January we headed to Merthyr Tydfil Football club to watch the second match from a new team - All Together Merthyr F.C. A community venture headed up by Focal Point and Hope Not Hate aimed at using football to bring people together. The club is made up from people from different cultures who live in around Merthyr, and we met Polish, Portuguese, Welsh, Brazilian and Syrian players, all playing in a friendly against Merthyr Supporters FC.

It was a great match and both teams played with style. All Together Merthyr scored an early first goal getting things off to a flying start. Merthyr Supporters came back strong and by half time the score was 2:1 to Merthyr Supporters. In the second half All Together Merthyr worked hard but Merthyr Supporters played strongly ending the game 3:1

After the match we spoke with midfielder Pedro Carvalho, who works at Design and Supply Ltd here in Merthyr Tydfil. Originally

from Portugal Pedro sees the team as vital, 'This team is so important, as it's not just one community, it brings people together. We've already got lots of elements to keep us separate – it's good to have something keeping us together, something we all enjoy' He told how the team had grown and how important it was. 'Football is very important, it's a very strong way to connect people. Not many things in the world can connect people as much as football'

"It's all about bringing communities together to share what we have in common – in this case, sport" says Focal Point project consultant Dr Lesley Hodgson. "Jo Cox' words 'We have more in common that unites us than that which divides us' are at the heart of everything the team does".

Focal Point has now joined forces with Merthyr Tydfil Global Village to support

the club while they develop. Merthyr Town F.C and the Football Association of Wales are encouraging All Together Merthyr to be involved in the league. So watch this space!

The Head of the International Football Association of Wales, Mark Evans has said 'Merthyr Town FC are delighted to be partners with All Together Merthyr. Their matches at Penydarren Park have been very rewarding as it has provided an excellent opportunity to bring people together in a fun environment and continued to build bridges within the wider community'

The team are always on the lookout for new people to be involved. They are particularly looking for trustees, players and coaches. Anyone who would like to be involved can contact Lesley Hodgson on 07903 281908 or on Facebook @ focalpointcommunities





Public Notices

**MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME) (LIMITED WAITING) (VARIATION) ORDER 2017**

NOTICE is hereby given that Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") (as amended), and all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act proposes to make the following Order, the general effect of which is described below. The effect of the Order is as follows:-

1. No person shall cause any vehicle to wait at any time on the lengths and sides of lengths of road specified in Schedule 1.
2. No person shall cause any vehicle to wait for longer than 30 minutes, no return within 1 hour, between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday (inclusive) on the lengths and sides of lengths of road specified in Schedule 2.
3. No person shall cause any vehicle to wait for longer than 3 hours, no return within 1 hour, between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday (inclusive) on the lengths and sides of lengths of road specified in Schedule 3.
4. Vary the Orders specified in Schedule 4.
5. Nothing in Articles 1 to 3 shall render it unlawful for emergency service vehicles to wait on the length of roads and sides of lengths of roads specified 'therein'. Vehicles are allowed to wait for the purposes of boarding, alighting, loading and unloading, building and road works, for maintenance, improvement, reconstruction, inspection or survey of the lengths of roads and sides of lengths of roads and the maintenance of essential services, weddings, funerals and the delivery of postal packets by vehicles of the service of the Post Office.
6. Nothing in Article 1 shall render it unlawful for disabled persons' vehicles displaying the relevant disabled persons badge to wait for up to three hours (with a return prohibited within one hour) on the length of roads and sides of lengths of roads specified 'therein'.
7. Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for inspection at the offices of the Engineering Department, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Unit

20, Merthyr Industrial Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil during normal working hours.

8. Objections to the Order together with the grounds on which they are made must be made in writing to the undersigned by 23rd February 2017.

**SCHEDULE 1
PROHIBITION OF WAITING AT ANY TIME**

Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard

1. The north western side of Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard south west of the Glan Taff Public House from its junction with A4054 Cardiff Road for a distance of 17 metres in a north easterly direction.
2. The south eastern side of Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard south west of the Glan Taff Public House from its junction with A4054 Cardiff Road for a distance of 68 metres in a north easterly direction.
3. The western side of Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard north of the Glan Taff Public House from a point 20 metres north of the northern boundary of No. 2 The Gardens Cardiff Road for a distance of 54 metres in a southerly direction.
4. The southern side of Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard from the eastern boundary of No. 3 The Gardens Cardiff Road for a distance of 5 metres in an easterly direction.
5. The eastern side of Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard from its junction with Caerphilly Road for a distance of 25 metres in a southerly direction.

Walter's Terrace, Twynrodyn

6. The southern side of Walter's Terrace, Twynrodyn from its junction with the eastern side of Primrose Hill for a distance of 15 metres in an easterly direction.

Primrose Hill, Twynrodyn

7. The eastern side of Primrose Hill, Twynrodyn from its junction with the southern side of Walter's Terrace to its junction with the northern side of Clos Yr Ysgol.
8. The eastern side of Primrose Hill, Twynrodyn from its junction with the southern side of Clos Yr Ysgol for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction.

Clos Yr Ysgol, Twynrodyn

9. Both sides of Clos Yr Ysgol, Twynrodyn from its junction with Primrose Hill for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction.

Rees Street, Twynrodyn

10. Both sides of Rees Street, Twynrodyn from its junction with the eastern side of Tramroadside South for a distance of 6 metres in an easterly direction.

Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn

11. The eastern side of Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn from its junction with the northern side of Rees Street for a distance of 6 metres in a northerly direction.
12. The eastern side of Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn from its junction with the southern side of Rees Street for a distance of 6 metres in a southerly direction.
13. The eastern side of Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn from a point 13 metres north of the northern side of Rees Street in a northerly direction to its junction with Twynrodyn Road.
14. The western side of Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn from a point 4 metres north of the opposite common boundary of No.s 25/26 for a distance of 17 metres in a northerly direction.
15. The western side of Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn from its junction with Twynrodyn Road for a distance of 42 metres in a southerly direction.
16. The western side of Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn from a point 66 metres south of its junction with Twynrodyn Road for a distance of 5 metres in a southerly direction.
17. The western side of Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn from a point 96 metres south of its junction with Twynrodyn Road for a distance of 15 metres in a southerly direction.
18. The western side of Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn from a point 129 metres south of its junction with Twynrodyn Road for a distance of 9 metres in a southerly direction.
19. The western side of Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn from a point 164 metres south of its junction with Twynrodyn Road for a distance of 9 metres in a southerly direction.
20. The western side of Tramroadside South, Twynrodyn from a point 197 metres south of its junction with Twynrodyn Road for a distance of 9 metres in a southerly direction.

Penheolferthyr, Twynrodyn

21. The south eastern side of Penheolferthyr, Twynrodyn from a point 15 metres north east of the north eastern side of its junction with Wallhead Road to the common boundary of No.s 7/8 Aeron Terrace.
22. The north western side of Penheolferthyr, Twynrodyn from its junction with the north eastern side of the entrance to

Twynrodyn Community School to its junction with the south western side of Bryony Close.

Entrance to Twynrodyn Community School

23. Both sides of the entrance to Twynrodyn Community School, from its junction with the north western side of Penheolferthyr for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction.

Entrance to Bryony Close, Twynrodyn

24. Both sides of the entrance to Bryony Close, Twynrodyn from its junction with the north western side of Penheolferthyr for a distance of 10 metres in a north westerly direction.

Heolgerrig

25. The northern side of Heolgerrig from its junction with the eastern side of Shirley Drive for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction.
26. The northern side of Heolgerrig from its junction with the western side of Shirley Drive for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction.

Entrance to Shirley Drive, Heolgerrig

27. Both sides of the entrance to Shirley Drive, Heolgerrig from its junction with the northern side of Heolgerrig for a distance of 18 metres in a northerly direction.

Entrance to Woodland Way, Heolgerrig

28. Both sides of the entrance to Woodland Way, Heolgerrig from its junction with the southern side of Heolgerrig for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction.

**SCHEDULE 2
WAITING LIMITED TO 30 MINUTES NO RETURN WITHIN 1 HOUR 9AM – 5PM MONDAY TO SATURDAY (INCLUSIVE)**

Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard

The southern side of Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard in the purpose built lay-by from a point 5 metres east of the eastern boundary of No. 3 The Gardens Cardiff Road for a distance of 37 metres in an easterly direction.

**SCHEDULE 3
WAITING LIMITED TO 3 HOURS NO RETURN WITHIN 1 HOUR 9AM – 5PM MONDAY TO SATURDAY (INCLUSIVE)**

Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard

The south eastern side of Cardiff Road, Quakers Yard opposite the Glan Taff Public House from a point 68 metres north east of its junction with A4054 Cardiff Road for a distance of 57 metres in a north easterly direction.

**SCHEDULE 4
VARIATION OF EXISTING ORDERS**

1. Vary the provisions of the "Mid Glamorgan County Council (Various Roads, Quakers' Yard) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order, 1974" by the deletion of Schedule item 3.
2. Vary the provisions of the "Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Various Roads, Merthyr Tydfil Town Centre Area) (Permit Parking) (Limited Waiting) (Prohibition of Waiting) (Variation) Order 2006" by the deletion of Schedule 3.
3. Vary the provisions of the "Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council (Various Roads, Merthyr Tydfil Town Centre Area) (Permit Parking) (Limited Waiting) (Prohibition of Waiting) (Variation) Order 2006" as follows:

Vary Schedule 4 (ii) b) 1) relating to permit parking provision in Tramroadside North, Merthyr Tydfil which reads "Tramroadside North (Cobden Place) The eastern side from the southern end of property No. 5 Cobden Place to its northern cul-de-sac end, a distance of 82 metres in a northerly direction" by the substitution of the following:-

Tramroadside North, Merthyr Tydfil (including section of Tramroadside North at Cobden Place)

The eastern side from a point 14 metres north of the southern cul-de-sac end at Cobden Place to the northern cul-de-sac end outside No. 67 Tramroadside North, a distance of 107 metres in a northerly direction.

Dated 1st February 2017

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Public Notices

**MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
PART OF RICHARDS TERRACE,
TRELEWIS, MERTHYR TYDFIL
(PROHIBITION OF STOPPING
AT ANY TIME - CLEARWAYS -
SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR)**

NOTICE is hereby given that Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act")(as amended), and all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act proposes to make the following prohibition, the general effect of which is described below. The effect of this is as follows:-

1. Save as provided in Articles 2(1), 2(2) and 3, no person shall cause any vehicle to stop or remain at rest at any time on the lengths and sides of lengths of road specified in the below Schedule.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PROHIBITIONS

- 2(1) Nothing in this Proposal shall apply to anything done with the permission or at the direction of a Police Officer in Uniform.
- 2(2) Nothing in this Proposal shall apply to a vehicle being used for ambulance, fire or police purposes in relation to an emergency or whilst in pursuit of duties or police purposes if the observance of that provision would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.

GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM PROHIBITIONS

3. Nothing in Article 1 shall make it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to wait in a restricted road for so long as may be necessary to enable the vehicle
 - a) if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes in another road to be used in connection with
 - i) the removal of any obstruction to traffic
 - ii) the maintenance, reconstruction or improvement to the length of road
 - iii) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near any of the lengths of road of a sewer, main pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water, electricity or telecommunications apparatus as defined in schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984
 - b) if it cannot conveniently be used in another road to be used in the service of a local authority or a water authority

- c) in pursuance of statutory powers or duties to be used for the purpose authorised by and described on a dispensation or permit issued by the issuing authority provided such dispensation or permit is clearly visible through the windscreen of the vehicle on the dashboard.
4. For the avoidance of doubt a disabled persons vehicle is not permitted to stop in any length of road referred to in article 1.
5. Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Proposal are available for inspection at the offices of the Engineering Department, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Unit 20, Merthyr Industrial Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil during normal working hours.
6. Objections to the Proposal together with the grounds on which they are made must be made in writing to the undersigned by 23rd February 2017.

**SCHEDULE
PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AT
ANY TIME – CLEARWAYS**

That part of Richards Terrace, Trelewis from a point 21 metres north-east of the north eastern side of St. Marys Court for a distance of 25.6 metres in a south westerly direction

Dated 1st February 2017

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**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF
MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE
ACT 1981
MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY
BOROUGH COUNCIL
VAYNOR 43 DEFINITIVE MAP
MODIFICATION ORDER 2016**

On 31st January 2017 the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council confirmed the above Order under section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding to them the footpath that commences at grid reference S002840805 and proceeds along a natural surface in a general south-easterly direction for approximately 86 metres to grid reference S002880798. It continues in a general south-westerly direction for approximately 39 metres to grid reference S002840795. It then continues in a general north-westerly direction for approximately 17 metres to a hand gate at grid reference S002840796. It then

continues for approximately 191 metres to terminate just to the south-east of a footbridge over the River Taff, the boundary with the Brecon Beacons National Park at grid reference S002690808. The approximate length is 333 metres with a width of between 1½ metres and 2 metres.

A copy of the Order and the Order map contained in it has been deposited and may be inspected free of charge at Unit 5, Triangle Business Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4TQ between the hours of 0900 to 1700 Monday to Friday.

Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £10.

The Order came into force on 31st January 2017 but if any person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or on the ground that any requirement of the Act or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 15 to the Act within 6 weeks from 1st February 2017 make an application to the High Court.

Dated 1st February 2017

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**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF
MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE
ACT 1981
MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY
BOROUGH COUNCIL
VAYNOR 45 DEFINITIVE MAP
MODIFICATION ORDER 2016**

On 31st January 2017 the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council confirmed the above Order under section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding to them the footpath that commences at grid reference S002880798 and proceeds along a hardcore surface in a general south-easterly direction for approximately 53 metres to terminate at grid reference S002920795. The width is between 1½ and 2 metres.

A copy of the Order and the Order map contained in it has been deposited and may be inspected free of charge at Unit 5, Triangle Business Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4TQ between the hours of 0900 to 1700 Monday to Friday.

Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £10.

The Order came into force on 31st January 2017 but if any person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or on the ground that any requirement of the Act or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 15 to the Act within 6 weeks from 1st February 2017 make an application to the High Court.

Dated 1st February 2017

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**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY
BOROUGH COUNCIL
TOWN 26 (PART)
EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2016**

On 31st January 2017 the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council confirmed the above order made under section 118 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the order as confirmed is to extinguish the section of the footpath near Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Santes Tudful that commences at grid reference S005750626 and proceeds along a grass surface in a general north-north-easterly direction to terminate at grid reference S005790634.

A copy of the order as confirmed and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at Unit 5, Triangle Business Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4TQ between the hours of 0900 to 1700 on Monday to Friday. Copies of the order and map may be bought there at the price of £10.

The order comes into force as from 28th February 2017, but if any person aggrieved by the order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within six weeks from 1st February 2017, make an application to the High Court.

Dated 1st February 2017

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**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF
MODIFICATION ORDER
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE
ACT 1981
MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY
BOROUGH COUNCIL
MERTHYR VALE 20 DEFINITIVE
MAP MODIFICATION ORDER
2015**

On 31st January 2017 the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council confirmed the above Order under section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding to them the footpath that commences at grid reference S008829994 and proceeds in a general south-westerly direction for approximately 372 metres to grid reference S008509975 where it turns to a general westerly direction and continues for approximately 172 metres to grid reference S008339978 where it terminates. The approximate length of the path is 544 metres with a width of between 2 and 3 metres. The surface is natural.

A copy of the Order and the Order map contained in it has been deposited and may be inspected free of charge at Unit 5, Triangle Business Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4TQ between the hours of 0900 to 1700 Monday to Friday.

Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £10.

The Order came into force on 31st January 2017 but if any person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or on the ground that any requirement of the Act or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 15 to the Act within 6 weeks from 1st February 2017 make an application to the High Court.

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