

Councillors mourn ex-mayor



[Oct 5 2007](#) by Peter Collins, South Wales Echo

THE funeral was held yesterday of Barry town councillor and former mayor, Dennys Tooze.

Councillor Tooze, 70, lost his battle with lung cancer in the early hours of September 26 at Llandough Hospital.

He joined the council in 1995 and became deputy mayor in 2001, going on to serve as mayor the following year.

Fellow councillor Theo Strenstrom said: "I've lost a great, loyal friend. The council's lost a loyal servant."

Councillor June German added: "Dennys was a man of commitment, truth and tremendous courage. It was a pleasure to serve on the council with him."

Vale of Glamorgan councillor Richard Bertin said: "Dennys was a good man, a good friend and a good Socialist."

Former mayor 'lived socialist ideal'

[Oct 9 2007](#) by Katie Bodinger, South Wales Echo

Former Mayor of Barry Dennys Tooze has died, aged 70

DENNYS Tooze always strived to live the Socialist ideal, helping those in his community as much as he could.

One of his proudest moments was when he was made Mayor of Barry in 2002.

He also loved his job as porter at Barry Community Hospital, where he worked for many years.

Born on January 22, 1937, in Swansea, his family moved to Vere Street, Cadoxton, after the war.

After leaving school, he worked in a bakery, before carrying out National Service. He opened a corner shop in Gilbert Street, Barry, on his return, where he lived until his death.

During this period, he met future wife Christine while helping to establish the Bryn Sion Hall in Barry for use by the Mencap charity.

He then became a porter at Barry Community Hospital where he worked for 30 years.

He was union shop steward and treasurer of the local branch of Nupe, later Unison. He was also treasurer for the local TUC, gaining a long service medal for more than 21 years in the role.

Dennys will be fondly remembered by his colleagues for organising countless trips, the most notable being to the pantomime at the Royal Pavilion in Porthcawl every January.

He joined the town council in 1995, becoming mayor in 2002. His chosen charities were the YMCA and the “Number Six” OAP association, reflecting his wish to help people of all ages.

He was treasurer on the social committee for Barry Town Football Club and for the Merchant Navy Association. He also used to help out at the town’s credit union.

Dennys died of lung cancer on September 25, despite having never smoked. His children have asked for donations to be made to the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation.

He and Christine had three children – Paul, married to Corinna, Angie, married to Simon, and Colin, married to Karen and, before that, the late Angeline. He was grandfather to Eleri, Gemma and Hayley and brother to Eileen.

Mr Dennis Tooze

Mr Dennis Tooze, a former Mayor and a Councillor of Barry, passed away early this week. Dennis will be sadly missed by his family and will be remembered also by his many friends both in Barry and those that he has made in Ireland, during his many visits over the years to Kinsale, where he attended the Sea Sunday annual service.

Dennis supported the possibility of a Declaration of Friendship Pact between the two Councils (Barry and Kinsale). Dennis along with Hayden Holmes will be remembered by many in both towns and be sadly missed.

A message from Jim Greenway, Chairman. Merchant Navy Association (Wales), Barry Branch.

I have known Dennis for more years than I can remember, I had the privilege not only to sit on various committees with Dennis, including Barry TUC and tribunals etc, but to have been also a good friend. Dennis never failed to represent people to the best of his ability and with both fairness and dedication.

Dennis was the treasurer to the Merchant Navy Association (Wales), Barry Branch for several years, both remained and will be remembered as a true friend by all.

We extend deepest sympathy from the Barry Branch MNA, Chairman, Officers, Committee and Members.

I will attempt to clarify arrangements by / on Monday.

Clarification is sought.

Thursday 4th October (To be Confirmed):

Family only at the Re-dedicated Church at Barry Cemetery, Merthyr Dyfan, Barry.

Then, St. Mary's Church – For a celebration of his life - 11.00 11.15 11.30 ?

Thornhill Crematorium.

Flowers ?

From: The Kinsale, Barry Friendship Pact Alliance.

We are deeply saddened at the loss of Dennis Tooze, a friend and supporter of both the Towns of Barry and Kinsale and a proposed Declaration of Friendship. We sympathise with his family and ask only that he may be remembered along with Hayden Holmes to the friends they have made in Kinsale by our Town Council to the same in Kinsale.

Rest In Peace.

Miss Sian Williams.
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'A loyal servant is lost'

By [Phil Tibballs](#)

WELL-KNOWN Barry Town Councillor and former Mayor, Dennis Tooze, died this week.

Cllr Tooze, 70, lost his battle with cancer in the early hours of Wednesday morning at Llandough Hospital.

He joined the council in 1995 and became Deputy Mayor in 2001 - going on to serve as Mayor the following year.

Cllr Theo Strenstrom paid tribute to Cllr Tooze.

He said: "Personally I've lost a great friend, a loyal friend.

"But the council has also lost a loyal servant.

"Dennis will be sadly missed by everyone at Barry Town Council."

Councillor June German added: "Dennis was a man of commitment, truth and tremendous courage.

"It was a pleasure to serve on the council with him."



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Dennis Tooze

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We have all lost a good friend, with the passing of Dennis Tooze. We hope that the two Town Councils can work together and unite with a Pact of Friendship as was desired by Dennis and also by the late Hayden Holmes. May both councils unite and work together in their memory.

Will update you as soon as we have more info.