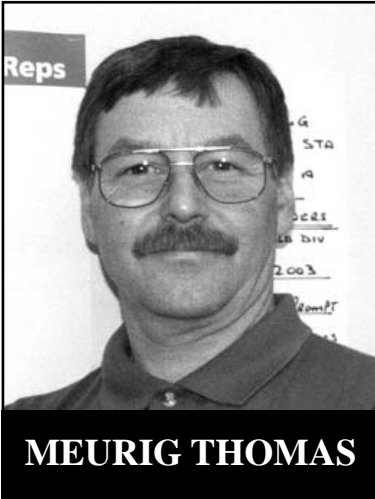


## AMICUS EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS, 2003. WALES



First may I take this opportunity to thank all the branches and Shop Stewards who have supported my nomination for the forthcoming executive council elections. Born and bred in the Rhondda valleys, a scaffolder by trade, I am currently employed at Texaco refinery Pembroke, by Cape Industrial Services. I am both an Amicus Shop Steward and President of the Rhondda branch. I have been a trade union member since 1974.

My reason in standing for election to the new joint Amicus Executive Council is that I believe in and wish to support our new General Secretary, Derek Simpson in his endeavour to restore democracy and become a more member driven and member orientated Union.

Over the years I have fought hard to encourage employers to recruit and train apprentices and if elected I will pursue any union initiative or policy that supports this goal. As a staunch defender of the democratic structure, I firmly believe that

the election of a lay executive can and will deliver all the needs of our members and defend workers rights. We have massive issues on which to campaign such as equal opportunities, fighting against all forms of discrimination including race, gender, disability, sexual orientation, ageism and religious beliefs. We must protect the interests of our members, so that Amicus is a union where the only agenda is that which is mandated by our membership.

As a regional candidate, local issues are obviously very close to my heart. In standing for election, I am making a firm commitment to work on behalf of all Amicus members (both sections) and members from Wales, to support national campaigns for all issues affecting their working lives.

### THESE INCLUDE:

- Campaigns to support the passing of the Corporate Manslaughter bill so that employers of workers killed at work are brought to justice, in particular those who lost their lives at Corus Steelworks, Port Talbot.
- Campaigns to support Pensions so that the retired can live the remainder of their lives with dignity and respect. We need to tackle with proper legislation, the greed of employers who plunder workers pension schemes, leaving them destitute.
- Campaigns to support manufacturing. We must put pressure on Government for major investment to stop factory and workplace closures much of which we have bitter experience of in Wales. Also to seek a level playing field so that jobs cannot be moved more cheaply overseas or foreign labour drafted in to undermine our wages, conditions and skills.
- Campaigns to invest in our children's future, better healthcare, education, and community services which have been destroyed by cutbacks and under investment.
- Campaigns for local issues. Investment does pay dividends, like the proposed 6 billion dollar LPG Plant to be constructed on the old Esso site at Millford Haven, Pembrokeshire, which when being constructed will employ around 700 workers, providing a great boost to the West Wales community. Also British Aerospace at North and South Wales having a new lease of life. Further investment at Corus Steelworks, Port Talbot which through it's workforce is starting to show a profit.

If elected to the new executive I will work tirelessly on your behalf. We must put an end to sweetheart deals, must demand legislative changes to protect jobs, must abolish anti-trade union laws, must obtain legal protection for workers pensions, and put the Union back into the hands of its members. I would ask you, the membership in Wales to give your due consideration to support my bid to be elected as the representative for the Welsh Regional position. In doing so, I commit to using all my skills, knowledge and experience in representing you to the very beat of my ability.

Yours Fraternally  
Meurig Thomas

## ➤ UNION CV

Throughout my working life I have always been an active trade unionist, be it through Shop Stewards duties, those of a safety rep or simply being involved in local issues and at Branch level. I have worked both on and offshore and have knowledge of many varied industries including steelworks, chemical plants, oil refineries, general engineering and the car industry.

### POSITIONS HELD AT BRANCH LEVEL INCLUDE:

- Branch Committee member
- Branch President (Construction Branch)
- Branch Delegate to Divisional Conference
- Branch Delegate to Rhondda Trades Councils
- Branch Delegate to GMC for Rhondda Labour Party
- Branch President combined Rhondda Branches

### POSITIONS HELD AT DIVISIONAL LEVEL INCLUDE:

- National Industrial Committee member
- Delegate to Construction Conference
- Delegate to Policy & Rules Conference
- Member of the National Shop Stewards Forum
- President of the Regional Shop Stewards Forum

### SHOP STEWARD & SAFETY REP AT :

- Aberthaw Power Station
- BP Miller hook up (Oil Platform)
- Amoco North Everest hook up (Oil Platform)
- TBV Gas Fired Power Station
- Seabank Gas Fired Power Station
- Sollum Voe Gas Terminal Shetland
- Baglan Bay Gas Fired Power Station
- Aberthaw Power Station
- Shell Brent Charlie (Oil Platform) Chairman of Safety Reps Committee

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