

**MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, held on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013.

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS:**

R L Thomas (Mayor)  
P N John, G W Davies,  
D G Howells, P White  
R Martin, R Collins,  
P W Jenkins, W May, L Beedle,  
I Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: M Harpur, S B Smith, T Mizen, K Edwards and J Terry.

**Declarations of Interest received:**

Cllrs P White, G Davies, P John and R L Thomas declared an interest in items relating to BCBC, including Planning Matters.

Cllrs P W Jenkins, L Beedle and R L Thomas declared an interest in the item relating to Plasnewydd School as members of the Governing Body.

**53 POLICE MATTERS**

Apologies for absence had been received from Sgt M Lewis, but the Mayor welcomed Acting Sgt Raikes and PCSO K Harries.

**1. Crime figures**

Members were circulated with a copy of the crime figures for June, when several questions were raised and answered by Acting Sgt Raikes.

**2. Arson – Garth School**

Members asked for any information on the above, but received a negative response that with no witnesses or CCTV it will be difficult to resolve.

**3. Damage & ASB**

Members noted the increase in figures for the above; however, there is no pattern other than drinking on the cycletrack in Nantyllyllon/Caerau where litter is also a problem. PCSOs are making additional patrols.

**4. Parking on pavements**

Members reported this problem particularly in areas of the East Ward. This matter will be looked at by the police and the BCBC Enforcement Team.

**54** **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 , together with Minutes of the Events Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013, copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read and accepted as a true record.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes be approved, adopted and signed by the Mayor.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**55** **MINUTE 25**  
**TRAFFIC ORDERS**  
**MAESTEG TOWN CENTRE**  
**PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAXI RANK**

Copy correspondence received from Cllr P White, Cabinet Members – Communities, BCBC, attaching e-mails from the Team Leader, Traffic Management and Road Safety.

- (1) A response to Maesteg Town Council’s alternative suggestion to a taxi rank at the location of the loading bay by “Go Bananas”: this loading bay operates as such Monday to Saturday 6 am – 7 pm and is the only available loading area serving that end of Talbot Street. Obviously this could be changed to allow taxis to utilise it outside of these hours, or to vary the hours of operation as a loading bay to allow taxis to stop there. However, the bay is not long enough to serve both purposes at the same time and the traders are unlikely to want to lose their loading area. The loading bay is 36 metres long.
- (2) The Property Section and Public Transport are jointly funding new Taxi only markings and signs at the rank in the bus station. Order has been given for the work to be done at a cost of £630.00.

Members noted the above information; however, it was

**RESOLVED:** That BCBC be asked to consider the following changes to existing Traffic Orders:

- Taxi rank outside Go Bananas, Talbot Street, Maesteg, between the hours of 9.30am – 5.30pm with loading at all other times, and
- Taxi Rank outside Sawyers Hotel revert to public parking bay, as it currently unused by taxi drivers.

56 **MINUTE 37**  
**TRAFFIC PROBLEMS**  
**HARVEY STREET, MAESTEG**

A response received from the Traffic and Transportation Manager, BCBC, to the problems, advising that investigations are underway. However, the on-going issue of limited parking space in residential streets such as Harvey Street, is well known to us following previous complaints at other locations throughout the County Borough, especially near Town Centres, Schools or visitor attractions which seems to have escalated since the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement as more drivers are now parking in areas where there are no traffic orders. It is pointed out that under the Highway Act the road is meant for the free movement of vehicles and other road users and that no person has a right to park on the road not even outside their own home. Notwithstanding the above, as a result of every increasing number of complaints over on-street parking issues for residents, a lot of work has been carried out by the Authority on this subject and a way forward to provide a long term solution and preventative measures to alleviate residents' concerns. The letter goes on to advise the possibility of introducing Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) and the conditions that apply. This is an issue that is an extremely complex matter and there are a whole host of issues that need to be looked at before CPZ's can be established. Apologies that the Borough cannot provide the Council with a more positive response.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted, and the Council await further information in due course.

**57**     **MINUTE 38**  
**NHS CONSULTATION**

Arising from Minute 38 it was stated that it is vital that as many people respond to this Document as possible. A link to the website to complete the form is available.

Discussion took place on Option Three, the preferred Option, stating that cases may be referred to the Royal Glamorgan Hospital which would provide transport difficulties for public transport users and therefore the Council needs to be vigilant within further consultation.

Members were advised that a march/rally is being held on Saturday this week at Newbridge Fields, Bridgend which Members are urged to attend if possible.

It was. However. stated that whatever the outcome of the re-organisation process, some areas will lose facilities.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**58**     **MINUTE 47**  
**APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
**YOUTHWORKS – CAERAU**

Members were advised that the staff member who submitted the original application is now longer employed in Caerau, and a new application is likely to be made in due course. I was therefore

**RESOLVED:** That the Council note the information and await any future application.

**59**     **MINUTE 48**  
**MAYOR'S CHARITY FUND**

The Mayor advised Members that a committee has been formed and a meeting is being arranged with the Charity Committee already established in Porthcawl Town Council area, who have offered to at this stage assist. An update will be provided in August meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

60 **MINUTE 52**  
**PROMOTIONAL VIDEO**

Members were advised that Mr Hampson-Jones, Chair of Wales in London and former Maesteg man, has agreed with Scenic Gallery to an interview for inclusion on the Website video.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

61 **MINUTE 53**  
**GWYL MAESTEG FESTIVAL**

Arising from Minute 52 it was stated that the Festival had been a tremendous success and a meeting would soon be held with the Organisations and individuals involved to fully discuss the Festival and the possible way forward for future years.

It was suggested a letter of thanks be sent to the Director of the National Museum in Cardiff for the assistance provided by Big Pit. The Clerk advised that letters of thanks had been sent to all those organisations and individuals that took part in the Festival and helped make it such a success.

Following a short discussion on this matter, when Members recognised the commitment and involvement of local Groups and Societies supporting the Council in organising events etc. during the Festival, i.e. Llynfi Valley Dramatic Society; Maesteg Amateur Operatic Society; Maesteg Gleemen; Maesteg Children's Choir; Maesteg Ladies Choir; Cor Meibion; Take Note; Noteworthy; Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park; Maesteg Hospital League of Friends and Llynfi Valley Voluntary Aid, it was

**RESOLVED:** That the all the Societies be provided with a donation £100 from Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended) in recognition of their commitment to the Festival as well as the local community.

"Thank you" letters had been received from pupils of the following schools for the enjoyable time they had at the "Coronation Jubilee Celebration" with Mr Jugglestruck.

St Mary's and St Patrick's Catholic Primary School  
Ysgol Cynwyd Sant  
Caerau Primary School  
Plasnewydd Primary School

A letter of thanks has also been received from Caerau Senior Citizens Group for the invitation to the entertainment provided by local schools and the tea at the Town Hall, which gave them the opportunity to meet old and make new friends.

Members who attended the above witnessed the enjoyment that the schools and senior citizens groups received from these events.

**RESOLVED:** That the letters be noted.

The Clerk provided a current budget report to Members for the Festival, advising that whilst there are still invoices due to come in, and the final income and expenditure is therefore estimated, the Festival costs are expected to be within budget.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

**62 LIST OF PAYMENTS MADE BY THE COUNCIL  
DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2013**

**RESOLVED:** That the List of Payments made by the Council during the month of June 2013 amounting to £26,662.56, copy of which had been circulated to Members, be accepted, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**63 ANNUAL YEAR SIX PRESENTATION CEREMONY  
PLASNEWYDD SCHOOL – TROPHY SPONSORSHIP**

A request received to support the School by sponsoring a trophy for the Annual Year Six Presentation Ceremony. The School are greatly appreciative of the Council's co-operation in the support of the School and community events and would like to recognise this by adding

Maesteg Town Council to their Trophy sponsors. A reply was required by 19<sup>th</sup> June. The Mayor, Deputy and Past Mayors recommended in principal that £30 be donated to the School to purchase a trophy.

**RESOLVED:** That the action taken be confirmed,

**64 STORE ROOM - MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL BASEMENT**

A request received from Principal Regeneration Officer that repairs/paint works as detailed in an e-mail dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be carried as part of the Maesteg Market Redevelopment. A decision was required in order that the work could commence as soon as possible. The Mayor, Deputy and Past Mayors recommended that this be agreed.

**RESOLVED:** That the action taken be confirmed,

**65 DIAMOND WEDDING**

The Mayor visited Mr Antonio & Mrs Glenys Pulverenti on their celebration of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and presented them with a Bouquet of Flowers from the Council.

**RESOLVED:** That the action taken be confirmed, with costs borne out of Part B of the Mayoral Allowance.

**66 SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2013**

A letter received from Group Manager of Sport and Physical Activity, BCBC, advising of the Summer Playschemes for 2013:

Maesteg Sports Centre, supported by Maesteg Town Council and Halo Leisure

Caerau Primary School – supported by Maesteg Town Council

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August – 10 am to 2 pm.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**67**     **TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM**  
**ACTION POINTS FOLLOWED UP FROM LAST MEETING**

Copy of questions and responses attached for Members' information.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**68**     **MAESTEG POST OFFICE, TALBOT STREET, MAESTEG**

Notification received that it has been decided to change the above Post Office branch to a main style branch. The change is part of a three-year investment and support programme, the largest in the history of the Post Office, the aim being to create a more modern and convenient retail experience for customers that will include longer opening hours. The Post Office will be closed for refurbishment from 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 17.30 to re-open on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 09.00. Full information available for Members.

During a discussion when Members were pleased that this investment is taking place in the Maesteg Branch; however, it was stated that additional staff is required at this busy branch. Members also acknowledged the MP's involvement in achieving this investment and it was

**RESOLVED:** That a letter of thanks be sent to Mr H Irranca-Davies MP.

**69**     **GIN PIT HISTORY INFORMATION AND LOCATION MARKER**

E-mail received from Development Assistant, Parks and Playing Fields Section, BCBC, advising that they are planning the installation of information boards at Maesteg Welfare Park, recognising that Boxing Day 2013 is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serious mining accidents. Whilst they intend to install a small information board at what is believed to be site of the capped mine entrance, it is considered that something such as a sculpture of similar would be appropriate. To continue the working partnership between the two Councils, it is felt that Maesteg Town Council should be asked for their views on how information is presented and if the Town Council would consider financially supporting this.



**RESOLVED:** That this item be referred to the Council's Events Committee to meet with the BCBC Officer for full discussion.

**70 PUBLIC SERVICE GOVERNANCE AND DELIVERY - WELSH GOVERNMENT**

Correspondence received from the Chairman of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery to draw Councillors' attention to the Commission's recent invitation to help inform work. Documentation attached for members' information and action.

Members stated that due to the importance of this item and its potential effect on the future of local government, it was

**RESOLVED:** That this item be placed on the Agenda for the next Council meeting in order to fully consider and discuss the documentation.

**71 TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CHURCH STREET RIVER BRIDGE, MAESTEG – ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14**

Notification received of the above which is operative from Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013 until such time works are completed. Alternative route is Church Street, Talbot Street, Commercial Street and Llynfi Lane.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**72 EMERGENCY NOTICE UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1984**

Temporary closure of Bangor Street, Nantyffyllon – outside numbers 2 to 4, in the interests of safety, insufficient width of carriageway to permit traffic to pass during work to repair a collapsed sewer.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**73 OPEN SPACES SOCIETY – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Agenda and full documentation received of the Annual General meeting of the above Society of which the Council are members, to be held on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at Birmingham & Midland Institute, Birmingham. Delegate Cllr T T Mizen.

Following consideration it was

**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Mizen attend if able.

**74 SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2013 – CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL WALES**

Copy of above booklets received and available upon request.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**75 SANDVILLE SELF HELP CENTRE**

Copy of June 2013 newsletter received and available upon request.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**76 OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013**

Copy of the above received and available upon request.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**77 G O DONNELL PROPERTY**

E-mail received from the above advising that he is about to market his property in Maesteg on his own website ([www.Maesteg-property.co.uk](http://www.Maesteg-property.co.uk)) which will make him a national agent. He is requesting permission to include a link to our website.

Following a discussion when Members agreed that the Council cannot officially endorse any private company, it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Chair of the Website Committee inspect this website prior to providing permission for the inclusion of a link to the Council's website.

**78**     **COMMUNITIES FIRST**  
**UPPER CLUSTER FORUM**

Details of an Inception Forum on the above to be held at the Town Hall at 4.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 received and presented to Members.  
All Members are invited.

As Maesteg East and West is now included within this area, it was

**RESOLVED:** That as many Members as possible attend.

**79**     **LITTER BIN INSTALLATION**

E-mail received from BCBC in response to the request to place an additional ten bins throughout the four wards.

The sites approved are as follows:

1. Port Terrace/Salisbury Road footpath \*
2. Station Street junction verge \*
3. Footpath – end of Mill View
4. Heol Faen grass verge at the top – checks being made on land ownership \*
5. Cwmdu Road community route nearest available to the bus shelter
6. Castel Street/Temple Street junction
7. Nantyffyllon Library – opposite side of Bangor Tce.
8. Heol Tywith opposite No 32 \*
9. Forge Industrial Estate footpath to Tesco – large free standing bin (165 litre) suggested as this area not on regular cleansing rota
10. Woodlands Terrace Centre \*

The following sites have been refused as unsuitable:

- Adjacent 29 Ewenny Road
- Dylan's Club and car park

- Uplands Drive
- Access to Caerau Primary School
- Evans Terrace
- Noddfa Community Centre

Total cost including installation £3230.25 + vat. Standard 45 litre zintec steel bins (£230), some with post required (£360) \*, free standing bin (£510.25).

Following a discussion it was

**RESOLVED:** that an order be placed for the 10 dual purpose bins as detailed above with the cost borne from the Environmental budget, and that BCBC be asked to investigate an alternative site near Noddfa Chapel in Caerau Road, Caerau, where Members feel a bin is required.

## 80 **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### 1. **HOMESTART**

Application received from Home-Start Bridgend requesting the Council to consider making a financial contribution to the work undertaken by the Charity.

Home-start Bridgend has been working in Bridgend and the Valleys since August 1997 providing volunteer support to families with children. Their volunteers visit families in their own homes offering support, friendship and practical help, helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown.

As a consequence of funding cuts the service was drastically reduced last year. Homestart has gone from two full time scheme managers and a secretary to being run purely by volunteers since Summer 2012; however, the charity is still able to support 26 families, 3 from Maesteg. It has many referrals and due to the dedication of trustees and volunteers and is now re-building the service, as there is a constant demand for support.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council donate the sum of £200 (two hundred pounds) to the local charity under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

**2. GLAMORGAN & DYFED ACF**

The Maesteg Detachment is a busy unit of about 20 personnel who in addition to regular training, actively support local groups around the Town and district.

They are currently needing to renew training equipment including O/S maps and compasses etc. which are suffering fair wear and tear. The Council is urged to consider making a financial contribution.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council donate the sum of £200 (two hundred pounds) to the local charity under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended) requesting that the funds be used for training equipment.

**3. CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK**

A letter received from the above thanking the Council for their annual support to help children with cancer and their families. This year, as Children with Cancer UK celebrates 25 years of helping children to survive this dreadful disease, we ask if you would consider a financial donation.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council donate the sum of £100 (one hundred pounds) to the charity under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

**81 DELEGATES REPORTS**

**1. Maesteg Town Hall**

A written report had been circulated, following the meeting of the above which took place on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

**RESOLVED:** That the Report be noted.

**82 PLANS**

Cllrs John, White, Davies left the meeting at this point and Cllr Thomas vacated the Chair and left the meeting at this point, Cllr Jenkins took the Chair.

Ref: P/13/403/FUL  
Applicant: Wilkinson's Hardware Store  
Worksop  
Development: Construct additional section of security fence to  
Existing escape stair  
Location: 27 Llynfi Road, Maesteg

Ref: P/13/414/FUL  
Applicant: M R Walker  
15 Heol Elfed, Maesteg  
Development: Single Storey ext. to provide bedroom & en  
suite shower room & ramped access  
Location: 15 Heol Elfed, Maesteg

**RECOMMEND: SUPPORT.**

**RESOLVED:** That the action taken be confirmed.

Ref: P/13/442/FUL  
Applicant: Mr J & Mrs E A Parfitt  
Per M J Plow, 30 Clos Llysfaen, Lisvane,  
Cardiff  
Development: 4 x three bedroom detached houses  
Location: Land adj Caer Gymrig, Maesteg.

Following discussion on this planning proposal it was

**RESOLVED:** That the site be inspected and the application fully considered by the Planning Sub Committee.

**83 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

**Permission Granted:**

13 Pleasant View, Caerau	To relocate driveway from corner of lane
Land rear of Princess St., Maesteg	2 detached dwellings, access road and landscaping

28 Cemetery Road, Maesteg	Two storey & single storey ext. to rear
St Mary's & St Patrick's	single storey classroom ext. & relate existing Primary School ramp
23 Bedw Street, Caerau	detached garage to rear
8 Garnwen Road, Nantffyllon	two storey addition to rear
4 Tairwaun, Maesteg	single storey extension
Brynlllefraith Farm Caerau	Extend caravan storage for total of 70 caravan, new fence and landscape work for screening.

**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted.

**Read and accepted at a  
meeting of the Council  
held on the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

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**Mayor**