

## 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, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

#### **PRESENT:**

#### **COUNCILLORS:**

R L Thomas (Mayor)  
P N John, J Terry, G W Davies,  
T T Mizen,  
R Martin,  
P W Jenkins, W May, L Beedle,  
D K Edwards, I Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: M Harpur, R Collins, D G Howells, S B Smith and P White.

#### **Declarations of Interest received from:**

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

Cllr L Beedle declared an interest in the item relating to Bridgend County CAB  
Cllr R L Thomas declared an interest in the item relating to Maesteg Hospital League of Friends.

## **22    BEREAVEMENT**

The Mayor asked those present to stand as a mark of respect for the former Member and Chair of Maesteg Town Council,  
Mr David J. O’Gorman

## 23 **POLICE MATTERS**

### **1. Crime Figures**

Copies of the crime statistics for the month of May 2013 were circulated to Members and Inspector Lewis outlined the figures and actions taken.

### **2. Matters Arising**

- **Vehicle damage and theft from vehicles**

Members were advised that the Neighbourhood Team are following up all of these incidents, with the Inspector stating that there was no pattern evident to the crimes.

- **Maesteg Cricket Club/Field**

No further information was available on the incidents at the above. The Club is linking with the schools and the PCSO's on this issue.

### **3. PCSO Support**

The Inspector was asked to relay the Council's thanks to the Officers for the support shown at the Council's Funday at Maesteg Welfare Park held this week.

### **4. BEREAVEMENT**

Members were advised that a local Sergeant has passed away recently following an illness, and the Inspector was asked to relay the Council's condolences to the family.

### **5. Llynfi Road Car Park**

The Inspector was asked if the Neighbourhood Team could monitor the situation of youths once again gathering at the above and on the access footbridge.

### **6. Town Centre**

The Inspector was asked to ensure that traffic is able to flow freely through the town and liaise with the parking enforcement Team to allow access through the town.

### **7. Temporary Traffic Order – Llynfi Lane/Church Street, Maesteg**

Reference was made to the problems caused by the above, particularly at the junction of Church Street and Commercial Street due to the temporary referral to a two way system in Church Street.

The Inspector was aware of the near misses in this area. The NPT were only recently made aware of the Order. It was agreed that the Council will raise this matter with BCBC.

**24**    **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> May, together with Minutes of the Events Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013, Finance Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013, Annual General Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 and Website Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 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**

**25**    **MINUTE 475**  
**TRAFFIC ORDERS**  
**MAESTEG TOWN CENTRE**

Letter received from A2B Cars advising that a meeting was held with four local BCBC Members to discuss suitable locations for the provision of an additional taxi rank that would benefit local people who use the service and drivers who rely on passing trade for their custom and livelihood.

Due to the double yellow lines in the town centre it is difficult to provide this service which is needed on a daily basis.

During discussion it was suggested that a taxi rank could be located at the Market entrance; however, due to health & safety this was not practical.

A further suggestion that a section of the parking zone be re-designated (from Greggs Bakery to the zebra crossing) as a taxi rank, where it is felt that this option will cause minimal disruption to the shop keepers and possibly bring in more trade.

The Council is asked to consider this option and put it to public consultation.

During a discussion on this issue, Members did not agree with the above suggestion to remove temporary parking places and install a taxi rank from Greggs Bakery to the Zebra Crossing as it was felt that this would

be detrimental to the public and traders for passing trade within Talbot Street. However, an alternative suggestion that the loading bay on the opposite side of Talbot Street could be utilised as a dual purpose area for a loading bay and as a taxi rank, where it would have less effect on public parking.

Reference was also made to the two other taxi ranks

- Outside the Post Office in Talbot Street, Maesteg and
- Outside the Sawyers in Commercial Street, Maesteg

which are not currently used by taxi drivers.

**RESOLVED:** That this matter will have to be referred to BCBC Highways and Legal Departments for their consideration and action.

26 **MINUTE 479**  
**FLORAL DISPLAY – TOWN CENTRE**

The Clerk advised that following a meeting with a BCBC Highways Officer to inspect the monument area in Talbot Street where Council had asked to install additional planters, a response had been received stating that the area around the monument is unsuitable for the size of planters proposed; however, alternative sites at each side of, and clear of the market entrance, 600mm back from the edge of the carriageway was proposed. If Council agree to these locations, the licence will be issued referring to usual terms and conditions.

The Council accepted this proposal; however, further sites were suggested which it was agreed should be discussed at a later date for next year's display. It was

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements to purchase and install the two additional planters as detailed above.

27 **MINUTE 481**  
**SUPPORT LETTERS**

Letter of thanks received from Camp Cwm Llynfi for the support letter provided by the Council for this project.

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

**28** **MINUTE 485**  
**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Letters of thanks & acknowledgement received from the following organisations who have benefitted from grants from the Council:

- Macmillan Cancer Support
- West Glam Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Ltd.
- Ysgol Maesteg School
- Children with Cancer UK
- Royal British Legion (Maesteg Branch)
- Marie Curie Cancer Care
- Bridgend County CAB
- Llynfi Valley Table Tennis Club
- Maesteg Community Garden Projects
- Aber Valley Heritage

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

**29** **MINUTE 492**  
**PROMOTION – MAESTEG TOWN**

E-mail sent to Satwant Price BCBC to try to ascertain whether BCBC had any funding towards the project as detailed in Minute 492. Response awaited.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council await response from BCBC.

**30** **MINUTE 487**  
**PLANS**

Questions were raised concerning the applicant details in Planning Application Ref: P/13/219/FUL

The Member was advised that this matter should be taken up with BCBC, and it was

**RESOLVED:** that clarification be sought with the Planning Department at BCBC.

**31 LIST OF PAYMENTS MADE BY THE COUNCIL DURING THE MONTH OF MAY 2013**

**RESOLVED:** That the List of Payments made by the Council during the month of May 2013 amounting to £11575.80, copy of which had been circulated to Members, be accepted, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

**32 BEREAVEMENT**

A letter of condolence has been sent following the recent death of former Chair of the Town Council and former BCBC Member, Mr David O’Gorman. The Council’s sympathy has been relayed to Mrs O’Gorman, who has also served as a Member of the Council for many years. In line with Council policy as a past Member/Chair a donation/floral tribute should be sent, it was

**RESOLVED:** That the action taken be confirmed, and that a donation of £25 be sent via the Funeral Director for the family’s chosen charity.

A letter of condolence has also been sent to Mrs Shan White following the recent passing of her mother.

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

**33 BRIDGEND COUNTY CAB**

Notice received from the above that the Maesteg Office will be changing their operating hours from Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2013.

The new opening hours will be TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY for advice and gateway sessions from 9.30 am to 3 pm.

The number of hours open to the public will remain the same over those three days, and BCB CAB are exploring additional advice and gateway provision across both sites, and possibly to include an evening session.

Staff are working with volunteers to ascertain interest and availability for the different shifts.

Effectiveness will be monitored and adjustments made where appropriate.

During a discussion Members expressed concern that the Bureau Office in Maesteg is to be closed on Mondays and Fridays, one day less than previously, which may result in the most vulnerable members of the public being unable to access advice and more importantly this issue of vouchers for the foodbanks. Members were advised that Caerau Foodbank had not been notified of the changes, it was

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to Bridgend County CAB relaying the Council concerns.

**34**     **MAESTEG HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS**  
**SUMMER FETE**

Notice of the above received to be held at Celtic Club on 19<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm, together with information on a concert also to be held at Celtic on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013.

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

**35**     **V2C – OAKWOOD ESTATE, MAESTEG**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEY**

A copy letter has been received addressed to a resident of Oakwood Estate advising that V2C and Keep Wales Tidy have carried out a survey looking at environmental problems at the above Estate.

The results of the survey, of 38 residents, show the major concerns regarding their local environment, as follows:

- Dog mess
- Roaming dogs
- Litter
- House waste
- Fly tipping
- Rats
- Vandalism, Motorbikes, ASB, Fires, Drainage issues, overgrown brambles preventing access to footpaths

V2C plan to try to tackle the main issues in partnership with residents by;

- Contacting the dog warden to investigate what action can be taken
- Installation of additional bins along the river walkway
- Campaign to promote the safe disposal of dog waste.

During a discussion reference was made to the many complaints received from people using Celtic Park of the fly tipping surrounding the Estate, and Council was advised that a meeting has been held with Officers and V2C when it was stated that there is difficulty engaging with the residents on this Estate, which reflected the response to the survey being 38 residents out of 160, which disappointed Members.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to BCBC requesting that the Environmental Enforcement Officers and Dog Warden be asked to spend some time on this Estate to resolved the problems.

**36 CROSSROADS CARE**

Copy of the May 2013 newsletter received from the above, giving details of a Coffee Morning/Garden Party to take place in Porthcawl on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013 as well as other planned events. Full details available upon request.

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

**37 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS  
HARVEY STREET, MAESTEG**

Letter received from Cllr Jenkins seeking the Council's support on behalf of the residents of Harvey Street who are experiencing parking problems. Given the facilities that surround the street and the increase of traffic the problem is compounded e.g. South Parade Sports ground – access only through Harvey Street; the new comprehensive school – picking up and dropping off during term time; plus now with Cardiff FC supporters based in the Crown Hotel results in vehicles being left overnight in Harvey Street adding to the problem.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to BCBC requesting that 'Residents Only Parking' in Harvey Street, Maesteg, be considered.



**38 NHS CONSULTATION**

Notice received of a public meeting being held by the South Wales Programme Board on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at Maesteg Town Hall. This is in response to the newly begun consultation on the options of Regional Centres across South Wales.

Currently the Princess of Wales has been identified as a preferred option, but is not a concrete proposal. There is a strong campaign being run in RCT to maintain services at the Royal Glamorgan, which wasn't previously identified and the decision will rest with the WG. As many people as possible should respond to the consultation process.

During a discussion Members expressed extreme concern on any cuts that are proposed with this process, and although it seems to be good news for the Princess of Wales Hospital in Bridgend it is still sad that this decision is taken at the expense of other areas such as RCT. As the Council has already submitted its view, it was

**RESOLVED:** That as many Members as possible make their individual view known through the consultation process.

**39 DRAFT GUIDANCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES)  
MEASURE 2011  
CONSULTATION - Part 7: Communities and Community Councils**

Guidance, including Statutory Guidance, to Principal Councils and Community and Town Councils in Wales

Link to the consultation.

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/localgovernment/lg-measure-2011-part-7/?lang=en>

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

**40 COMMISSION ON DEVOLUTION IN WALES**

The Commission on Devolution in Wales has begun a programme of public engagement events across Wales to hear as broad a range of views as possible on the review of the current devolution settlement.

The Commission's programme is set out below, and further information and other ways to share views is available on our website at

<http://commissiononoevolutioninwales.independent.gov.uk/get-involved>

Tues / <i>Maw</i> 04/06/13 1000-1200	Town Hall / <i>Neuadd y Dre</i> Llandudno LL30 2UP	Drop in session / <i>Sesiwn galw heibio</i>
Tue / <i>Maw</i> 04/06/13 1830-2000	Catrin Finch Centre / <i>Canolfan Catrin Finch</i> Wrexham / Wrecsam LL11 2AW	Public meeting / <i>Cyfarfod cyhoeddus</i>
Wed / <i>Mer</i> 05/06/13 1000-1200	Penrhyn Hall / <i>Neuadd Penrhyn</i> Bangor LL57 1DT	Drop in session / <i>Sesiwn galw heibio</i>
Wed / <i>Mer</i> 05/06/13 1830-2000	Town Hall / <i>Neuadd y Dre</i> Llangefni LL77 7TW	Public meeting / <i>Cyfarfod cyhoeddus</i>
Thu / <i>Iau</i> 06/06/13 1800-1930	Pierhead Cardiff Bay / <i>Bae Caerdydd</i> CF99 1NA	Public meeting / <i>Cyfarfod cyhoeddus</i>
	-sponsored by Rosemary Butler AM, Presiding Officer of the National Assembly for Wales / <i>noddwyd gan Rosemary Butler AC, Lywydd Cynylliad Cenedlaethol Cymru-</i>	
Tue / <i>Maw</i> 25/06/13 1230-1400	Coleg Powys Newtown / <i>Drenewydd</i> SY16 4HU	Drop in session / <i>Sesiwn galw heibio</i>
Tue / <i>Maw</i> 25/06/13 1830-200	National Library of Wales / <i>Llyfyrgell Genedlaethol Cymru</i> Aberystwyth SY23 3BU	Public meeting / <i>Cyfarfod cyhoeddus</i>
Wed / <i>Mer</i> 26/06/13 1030-1200	Torch Theatre / <i>Theatr y Torch</i> Milford Haven / <i>Aberdaugleddau</i> SA73 2BU	Drop in session / <i>Sesiwn galw heibio</i>
Wed / <i>Mer</i> 26/06/13 1830-2000	Halliwell Centre / <i>Canolfan Halliwell</i> Carmarthen / <i>Caerfyrddin</i> SA31 3EP	Public meeting / <i>Cyfarfod cyhoeddus</i>
Thu / <i>Iau</i> 27/06/13 1830-2000	Grand Theatre / <i>Theatr Grand</i> Swansea / <i>Abertawe</i> SA1 3QJ	Public meeting / <i>Cyfarfod cyhoeddus</i>

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

**41**     **ONE VOICE WALES - Larger Councils Conference**  
**10 July 2013 Hafod a Hendre, Royal Welsh Showground**

One Voice Wales is holding its first Larger Councils Conference that includes an excellent range of speakers, information on work programmes of relevance to larger councils and workshops on innovative practice being carried out by Larger Councils across Wales – certainly something to whet everyone’s appetite!

Guest speakers include:

- Mr Peter Davies OBE, Sustainable Futures Commissioner for Wales who will talk about the Sustainable Development Bill and the SD Duty that will take effect in 2017 for the community and town council sector and set out some of the implications and challenges facing larger councils.
  
- Mr Daniel Hurford, Head of Policy (Improvement and Governance) at the WLGA who will talk about the relationships between Unitary Authorities and the community and town council sector and future partnership working opportunities
  
- Mr Richard Penn, Chair of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales who will talk about the work of the body and implications for larger councils in Wales

As this conference is open to non-members of the Organisation and due to the content of the presentations to be received, it was

**RESOLVED:** That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attend as the Council’s delegate.

**42**     **OPEN SPACES SOCIETY**

Letter received from the above stating that despite sustained opposition to provisions in what is now the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2103, it is no longer possible in England to apply for registration of land as a village green, if that land has been earmarked (even secretly) for development.

The Government has introduced a new designation in England, Local Green Spaces (LGS) claimed to be a substitute, but it offers no right to wander and no guarantee that the land is protected in perpetuity. The Society now aims to persuade the Department for Communities and Local Government to provide clear guidance on this new designation, by lobbying MPs and peers. This will cost the Society and additional resources are required to monitor the new process.

During a discussion on this issue it was stated that there may be financial implications when this Act applies to Wales, and this will then warrant further consideration, it was

**RESOLVED:** That

1. The issue be relayed to the Rights of Way Committee for discussion
2. A letter be sent to the AM urging her to ensure the WG amend the detail of this Act when it is presented.

**43**     **TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDER**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**LLYNFI LANE, MAESTEG**

Notice of the above received giving notice that the Lane will be closed from 28<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013 in the interest of safety – Highway adjacent to building of insufficient width to accommodate traffic while works are in progress.

During a discussion on this item, reference was made to the number of near misses at the junction of Church Street and Commercial Street due to the temporary two traffic system created with this Order. The local Police are fully aware of the danger.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to BCBC highlighting the Council's concern of this road safety issue.

**44**    **'LETS TALK'**  
**EMOTIONAL HEALTH & WELL BEING**

Copy of a booklet produced by the above received and is available upon request.

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

**45**    **NOAHS ARK**  
**SPRING NEWSLETTER**

Copy of a booklet produced by the above received and is available upon request.

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

**46**    **INVOLVE**  
**SPRING NEWSLETTER**

Copy of a booklet produced by the above received and is available upon request.

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

**47**    **APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**1. YOUTHWORKS - CAERAU**

Application deferred from May 2013 for further information.  
Report from Caerau Members to be received.  
Members are still awaiting further details.

**RESOLVED:** That this application be deferred once again.

**2. CANCER CARE UK**

Cllr R Thomas declared an interest in this application and vacated the Chair which was taken by Cllr P W Jenkins.  
A letter of application for financial assistance received from Kristian Stanton, who alongside his cousin Gareth, will be cycling 3000 miles from Cardiff Castle to Barcelona, Spain on June 20th in aid of Cancer Research UK.

It has been recommended to share this amazing opportunity with the Council and any help that Council can give us local boys, being from Garth, Maesteg; even if it is just spreading awareness of our journey would be greatly appreciated.

Our website - [projecteurocycle.com](http://projecteurocycle.com)

Facebook - [facebook.com/projecteurocycle](https://facebook.com/projecteurocycle)

twitter - [twitter.com/P\\_Eurocycle](https://twitter.com/P_Eurocycle)

**RESOLVED:** That £100 be donated to Cancer Care UK under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended)

#### **48 MAYOR'S CHARITY FUND**

During a discussion Council was advised that in order to establish a Mayor's Charity Fund, a Committee must be formed completely independent of the Council, with its own constitution and bank account etc. The Committee must then be committed with the Mayor, to completely organise any fund raising events.

The Mayor advised that he was aware of this fact, and several friends and colleagues had expressed enthusiasm to establish this independent Committee, and wished to raise funds for local Charities. It was also stated that no commitment could be made for future Mayors. It was therefore

**RESOLVED:** That Council support the establishment of a Mayor's Charity Fund/Committee as a pilot project for one year initially.

#### **49 DELEGATS REPORTS**

##### **1. MAESTEG TOWN HALL BOARD**

A written report had been received from the Council's delegate, and circulated to all Members.

##### **2. LLYNFI VALLEY RIVER CARE & ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP**

The Council's delegate gave a brief verbal report on the clean- up task that the Group are currently undertaking.

**RESOLVED:** That the reports be noted with thanks.

**50 PLANS**

Ref: P/13/313/FUL  
Applicant: Archdiocese of Cardiff  
Development: Single Storey Classroom ext. and relocation of existing ramp  
Location: St Mary's & St Patrick's School, Maesteg

Ref: P/13/340/FUL  
Applicant: Mr F Holdsworth,  
23 Bedw Street, Caerau  
Development: Detached garage to rear  
Location: 23 Bedw Street, Maesteg

Ref: P/13/346/FUL  
Applicant: P Colston  
7 Garnwen Road, Nantyffyllon.  
Development: Two Storey/single storey addition to rear  
Location: 8 Garnwen Road, Nantyffyllon.

Ref: P/13/372/FUL  
Applicant: D Waldron  
4 Tirwaun Place, Maesteg  
Development: Single Storey extension  
Location: 4 Tirwaun Place, Maesteg

Ref: P/13/380/FUL  
Applicant: A John  
41 Garnwen Tce., Nantyffyllon.  
Development: Dormer ext to rear elevation and additional Dormer to front elevation  
Location: 41 Garnwen Terrace, Nantyffyllon.

Ref: P/13/375/FUL  
Applicant: C Williams  
13 Fairfield Ave., Maesteg  
Development: Detached garage to rear  
Location: 13 Fairfield Ave., Maesteg

Ref: P/13/379/FUL  
Applicant: C O'Connor  
39 Salisbury Road, Maesteg  
Development: Two storey rear ext. & detached garage  
Location: 39 Salisbury Road, Maesteg  
**RECOMMEND: SUPPORT**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council confirm the action taken by the Committee

The following plans were presented to Council:

Ref: P/13/393/FUL  
Applicant: M Kehoe,  
17 Aneurin Bevan Way, Maesteg  
Development: Single story bedroom/shower room ext for disabled person  
Location: 17 Aneurin Bevan's Way, Maesteg

Ref: P/134/392/FUL  
Applicant: A Dixon  
29 Court Street, Maesteg  
Development: Demolish existing single storey ext. and construct double storey  
Location: 29 Court Street, Maesteg

**RESOLVED:** That the Council **SUPPORT** the above proposals.

## 51 **PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

BCBC Permission granted to:

12 Duke Street, Maesteg	Single detached garage
5 Cwmdu Street, Maesteg	Single storey rear bathroom ext.
20 Pondmawr, Maesteg	Dormer extension to form shower room.
8 Talbot Street, Maesteg	Installation of new fascia and projecting signs
2 Hearts of Oak Cotts., Nantyffyllon	Detached store structure to rear garden



**RESOLVED:** That the information be noted

**Read and accepted at a  
meeting of the Council  
held on the 2nd July 2013**

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**Mayor**