

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 5th June 2018**.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: I A Williams (**Past Mayor**)
P W Jenkins, D K Edwards, W May,
P Davies, A R Davies, A James, R L Lewis,
R Collins, C Reeves, D L Evans.

APOLOGIES for absence received from His Worship the Mayor, L Beedle, Councillors P White, R Penhale-Thomas, L Thomas, S B Smith and G Bevan.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllrs D K Edwards, R Collins and P Davies declared an interest in items relating to Bridgend County Borough Council, including Development Control, Licensing and a prejudicial interest in matters concerning Community Transport.

Past Mayor, Cllr I A Williams, declared an interest in items relating to Llangynwyd Middle Community Council.

Cllrs P Jenkins and R Collins declared an interest in items relating to Maesteg Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The Clerk made the Council's Register of Interest available for Members to update.

26 POLICE MATTERS

The Past Mayor welcomed to the meeting PCSO's J Banks and K Bargery-Edwards.

CRIME FIGURES

Crime statistics were presented to the Members for the month of May 2018, comparing them to the crimes committed in the various categories for May 2017.

Maesteg Crime Statistics for May 2018

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	3	0	3	0	6
Burglary other	0	2	1	1	4
Theft of vehicle	0	1	0	0	1
Theft from vehicle	5	0	1	0	6
All other theft	1	7	7	1	16
Damage	5	2	5	2	14
Assault with injury	5	3	6	1	16
All crime total	19	15	23	5	62
Anti-social behaviour	14	6	12	1	33
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

Maesteg Crime Statistics for May 2017

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	3	2	4	0	9
Burglary other	0	0	2	0	2
Theft of vehicle	0	0	1	0	1 (scooter)
Theft from vehicle	4	0	2	2	8 (5xsecure, 2xinsecure, 1xregistration plate)
All other theft	4	2	12	0	18
Damage	16	7	5	2	30
Assault with injury	8	2	5	1	16
All crime total	35	13	31	5	84
Anti-social behaviour	11	13	15	6	45
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

The following was discussed:

- It was noted that there was a vast decrease in the Crime figures from the previous year.
- In response to clarification of ‘Other Thefts’, *PCSO Banks advised that it related to shop lifting and confirmed that Local shops within the Town did not participate in STORE NET.*
- Concerns were raised concerning the recent anti-social behaviour on the steps behind the Café in Caerau; youths throwing glass bottles etc.

PCSO Bargery-Edwards advised that an increase in patrols have been made in the area; also speaking to youths to address their behaviour. Patrols continue to monitor this issue.

- Concerns were raised about the continuing playing of football during evenings, and recently during school holidays during the day, on the square in front of the Town Hall and outside of the Post Office.

PCSO Banks advised that there is now a 'No Ball Games' sign in the area that gives the PCSO's and Police powers to ask the youths to refrain from playing with balls. PCSO Banks advised that this area is continually monitored, talking to the young people about their behaviour, and that increase in patrols at this location during school holidays would continue.

- An update was requested to the ongoing issue of Llynfi Road Car Park and the installation of speed bumps.

PCSO Banks advised that they have spoken to BCBC Highways and are currently awaiting costings.

The Past Mayor thanked PCSO's Banks and Bargery-Edwards for their presence.

27 MAYOR'S REPORT

Events and Meetings attended during the month of May 2018:

Mayor Councillor Idris Williams

- Mayor's Charity Ball Town Hall – 5th May 2018
- Cor Meibion Concert Town Hall – 12th May 2018
- Awen Cultural Trust Meeting – 15th May 2018
- Civic Reception - President Alun Hodges, the Welsh Bowling Club and Maesteg Bowling Club – 1st June 2018

Mayor Councillor Lynne Beedle

- Pencoed Civic Service – 6th May 2018
- Bridgend County Borough Council – Inauguration of Mayor of the Borough – 23rd May 2018
- Opening of the Gwyl Maesteg Festival with Collabro – 1st June 2018
- Festival – Devoted to Dance – 2nd June 2018

- Festival - Opening of the Nathan Wyburn' Exhibition which included the local Primary School pupils' work following the Workshops held with Nathan Wyburn.

28 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1st May 2018, Website Meeting held on 10th May 2018, Planning Meeting on 14th May 2018, Finance Meeting held on 21st May 2018 and Annual General Meeting held on 22nd May 2018; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read and accepted as a true record. The recommendations made therein were agreed by Council.

MATTERS ARISING

29 MINUTE 288 NATWEST BANK – MAESTEG BRANCH

As requested, the Clerk wrote to NatWest Bank Head Office advising of the Council's concerns of the closure of the Maesteg Branch, which seriously had an affect on many of the residents of Maesteg; no response received; The NatWest Community Banker for the area visited the Clerk to advise that on Thursdays from 14th June 2018 (10 am to 12 pm) help and support will be offered - Venue, Maesteg Library. Poster advertising this support placed on the Council's Notice Boards.

RESOLVED: To confirm action and note the information.

30 MINUTE 396 FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS

Received letters of thanks from the following organisations who have received financial assistance from Maesteg Town Council:

1. Côr Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch
2. The National Eisteddfod in Wales
3. Wales Children's Air Ambulance
4. Caerau Men's Shed
5. Côr Merched Cwm Llynfi
6. Maesteg RFC

RESOLVED: To note the information.

31 MINUTE 408
GREEN PAPER – STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT:
DELIVERING FOR PEOPLE

Recommendations of the Reading Committee's responses on the above document had been provided to all Councillors.

Discussion and debate ensued with a section of the Council disagreeing with the response to Consultation Question 1 (a); it was felt that this was a contentious statement. Reasons for this response was explained.

It was suggested that in future before submission of consultation documents, the recommendations of the Reading Committee should be considered and debated by full Council. If timescale short for submission full Council to consider and agree responses.

RESOLVED: To note the information forwarded to Wales Government ; however, it be recorded that a section of the Council disagreed with the response to Consultation Question 1 a).

32 MINUTE 409
BRIDGEND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – LLYNFI VALLEY
MINIBUS

As requested in the May 2018 meeting , the Clerk contacted the Officer of Bridgend Community Transport to clarify various points regarding the logo's to be used on wrapping of vehicle.

It is confirmed that the valley buses were purchased by BCBC via an ICF (Integrated Care Fund) Grant. The buses would be owned by BCBC but operated by Bridgend Community Transport. The bus for the Llynfi Valley is currently white but when funding is received the following will be added to the wrap:

- BCBC Logo
- ICF Grant Logo
- Bridgend Community Transport Logo
- Maesteg Town Council Logo (if agreed)

The organisation hope that Maesteg Town Council will agree to have the Coat of Arms used in order for the bus to be kept and used by the Llynfi Valley Community.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that Council:

- a) Give permission for Maesteg Coat of Arms to be used.
- b) Donate £150 toward the costs of wrapping the vehicle.

33 LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2018

RESOLVED: That the List of Payments made by the Council during the month of May 2018 to be included with the June 2018 documentation. The salaries paid to Members of staff during May 2018, were accepted and confirmed.

The recommendations made by the Finance Committee in the meeting held on 22nd May 2018 regarding the year end accounts for 2017/2018 (copies made available for members) were confirmed; the Mayor and Clerk/RFO to sign the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2018 for forwarding to BDO by the due date.

CORRESPONDENCE

34 CHRIS ELMORE MP MAY ADVICE SURGERY

Received poster of Chris Elmore MP Advice Surgeries for May, which included a joint surgery with Huw Irranca-Davies AM in Cwm Calon Community Hub, Maesteg on Friday, 31st May, 3pm – 4pm. Poster placed on notice board.

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken.

35 REFERRALS MONTH OF MAY 2018

- **FLY TIPPING**

Fly tipping in the Corner of Pleasant View (CF34 0RD) behind Lloyd Street (CF34 0RA) that includes the contents of a rabbit hutch.

RESPONSE: BCBC arranged for an Enforcement Officer to visit the area.

- **RECYCLING CONTAINERS**

The following recycling containers requested:

➤ Food Waste bags - 24 Mill View, CF34 0DD.

➤ Blue refuse bags – 7 Aneurin Bevans Way

RESPONSE: Request has been processed; allow at least 10 working days for delivery.

- **MISSING DRAIN COVER**

The drain cover next to 22 Court Street (CF34 9ED) is missing. Awaiting response.

- **LITTER AND FLY TIPPING**

Complaint about the state of Llynfi Lane strewn with glass, plastic, litter etc.

RESPONSE: BCBC have arranged to have the area cleansed.

- **ASBESTOS**

Asbestos on the green by Chestnut Grove, CF34 0NT

RESPONSE: BCBC shared services have logged and will investigate.

- **STREET LIGHTING**

Street light Lamp No.2 opposite 35 Heol Y Llwyni, CF34 0DJ not working.

RESPONSE: BCBC will investigate.

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken.

36 **INJURED ADULT DEER IN OVERGROWTH ON FOOTPATH 2A**

Rights of Way Contractor advised that whilst clearing Footpath 2A between Neath Road and Brynmawr Farm, he found an injured adult deer. RSPCA were contacted, a vet from Llynfi Lane attended and it was decided euthanasia was the kindest treatment for the deer. Pets at Rest were then contacted who collected and cremated the carcass.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

37 MAESTEG BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL TROPHY

Letter received from Maesteg Branch Royal British Legion to advise that they have been awarded the Vale of Glamorgan Poppy Appeal Trophy. An award that is given to the Branch that achieves the highest percentage increase in the total amount of money collected in a year. It is only the second time that Maesteg Branch has won this award.

Chairman Stuart Bevan conveys his thanks for the support Maesteg Town Council provide the RBL during the poppy appeal and through various events.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

38 PLAY FOR WALES SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

Copy of the Spring 2018 newsletter received and available in the Clerk's Office.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

39 LV20 PROJECT UPDATE SPRING 2018

Electronic copy of the LV20 Project update Spring 2018 e-mailed to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

40 BAVO INVOLVE SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

Copy of the Spring 2018 newsletter received and available in the Clerk's Office.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

41 ABM CHC NEWSLETTER

Copy of the ABM CHC Newsletter received and e-mailed to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken.

42 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - MAESTEG

Information on revised opening hours and appointment system received from; e-mailed to all Councillors for information and posters placed on noticeboards.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Citizen's Advice and BCBC to advise that there a number of problems with the introduction of this new appointment system and to request that they consider reverting to open access system.

43 INVITATION TO ALL COUNCILLORS

An invitation received from Maesteg Art Society inviting His Worship the Mayor and Members of the Council to join them for their annual exhibition. Venue Maesteg Town Council on 18th June at 7pm.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

44 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. MAESTEG BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Request for financial assistance (£250.00) for the purchase of a 'Silent Soldier' to commemorate the 100 year anniversary to mark the end of the First World War.

The Silent Soldier is a silhouette which will display a mark of respect to those who fell in the four years of war, leading to the Armistice in November 2018. It is made of weatherproof dibond and can be fixed to flat surfaces or to vertical angle irons as a free standing figure.

RESOLVED: Council donate the sum of £250 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended). Clerk to discuss with Maesteg Branch Royal British Legion regarding the safe installation of the Silent Soldier.

2. FRIENDS OF MAESTEG WELFARE PARK

Request for financial assistance towards the costs of establishing a playground for children and young adults with special needs. That involves installing inclusive swings and a wheelchair friendly roundabout.

RESOLVED: Council donate the sum of £200 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

45 DELEGATES' REPORTS

No delegated reports received for May 2018.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

46 PLANS

Cllrs D K Edwards, R Collins and P Davies left the meeting at this point and took no part in the discussion on planning proposals.

The following planning application was discussed and no Observation made by Members:

Ref: P/18/346/RLX Applicant: Siderise Insulation
Location: Siderise Insulation 2 Forge Industrial Estate Maesteg
CF34 0AY
Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 of P/17/850/FUL to amend the approved plans.

**Read and accepted at a meeting
of the Council held on
3rd July 2018**

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Mayor