

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 6th March 2018.**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: I A Williams (**Mayor**)
P W Jenkins, L Beedle, D K Edwards, P White,
R Penhale-Thomas, D L Evans, R Collins, L Thomas,
C Reeves, P Davies, A R Davies, A James, W May and
S B. Smith.

APOLOGIES for absence received from Councillors G Bevan and R L Lewis.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllrs D K Edwards, R Penhale-Thomas, P White, P Davies and R Collins declared an interest in items relating to Bridgend County Borough Council, including Development Control and Licensing.

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

Cllr L Beedle, declared an interest in items relating to Côr Meibion.

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

349 POLICE MATTERS

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting Sgt Gareth Bradley.

Crime Figures

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

Maesteg Crime Statistics for February 2018

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	2	1	1	0	4
Burglary other	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of vehicle	0	1	0	0	1
Theft from vehicle	0	0	1	0	1
All other theft	6	3	10	0	19
Damage	8	3	5	0	16
Assault with injury	7	4	4	0	15
All crime total	23	12	21	0	66
Anti-social behaviour	10	6	13	1	30
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

Maesteg Crime Statistics for January 2018

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	2	0	2	0	4
Burglary other	1	0	1	0	2
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	1	1
Theft from vehicle	0	0	1	0	1
All other theft	4	1	1	1	7
Damage	7	5	5	0	17
Assault with injury	9	3	4	0	16
All crime total	23	9	14	2	48
Anti-social behaviour	16	12	18	2	48
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

The following was discussed:

- Concerns were raised on the continuing issue of cars parking on junction of Castle Street and Bridge Street. Where there have been numerous near misses and two cars are permanently parked on this junction in the evenings.
Sgt Bradley advised that SW Police can issue tickets for obstructive parking and asks that all Councillors keep reporting this issue to local PCSO's and South Wales Police.
- An update was requested on the vehicles found burnt out in Maesteg East Ward.
Sgt Bradley unable to give information on this incident; however, would follow up.

350 MAYOR'S REPORT

Events and meetings attended during the month of February 2018:

- Mayors Trust Indian Lounge Charity Evening, 7th February
- Bryn Celyn Care Home 15th Anniversary, 9th February
- Mayors Trust meeting, 12th February
- Mayors Trust Côt Meibion Evening, 17th February
- Deputy Mayor attended We Will Rock You performance at Maesteg Comprehensive School, 28th February

351 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 6th February 2018; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read and accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

**352 MINUTE 311
WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – PROPOSED
HEALTHCARE BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR BRIDGEND**

Cllr May responded on behalf of Maesteg Town Council; Members having received a copy of the responses made.

RESOLVED: To note the information. Councillor May was thanked for his input.

353 **MINUTE 340**
INVITATION TO ATTEND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 12
FEBRUARY 2018

Due to commitments the Mayor delegated Cllr P Jenkins to attend on his behalf as delegate of Maesteg Town Council on the Town and Community Council Forum

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on actions taken.

354 **MINUTE 341**
FLY TIPPING TONNA ROAD

A comprehensive Report received from Rights of Way Contractor following the removal of the fly tipping at Tonna Road; copy made available to Members. Members noted the extensive amount of waste removed by the contractors. Cllr White confirmed that this location will be “gated”, cost borne out of his Community Grant.

Concerns raised on Maesteg Town Council’ continuing involvement in clearance of fly tipping and the additional costs incurred by Council; especially the recent high cost of clearing Tonna Road, BCBC ownership. Councillors were advised that historically Maesteg Town Council provided skips in each ward for waste; however this was stopped due to asbestos and other hazardous waste being placed within the skips and the opening of the Amenity Site for public use.

RESOLVED:

- Clerk to convey Council thanks to the Right of Way contractors for the excellent work undertaken.
- Clerk to agenda the issue of fly tipping and Environmental projects for discussion in a future meeting.

355 **MINUTE 344**
FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS

Received thank you correspondence from the following who have received financial assistance from Maesteg Town Council:

1. CÔR MERCHED CWM LLYNFI

RESOLVED: To note the information.

356 LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

RESOLVED: That the List of Payments made by the Council during the month of February 2018; copy of which had been circulated to Members, be accepted, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE

357 PUBLIC MEETING AT CDT WEDNESDAY 7TH MARCH 7:30PM

Poster received to advertise the public meeting at Caerau Development Trust on Wednesday 7th March at 7:30pm. Poster has been placed on notice board.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

358 BRIDGEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSES

Leaflets received to advertise that all Bridgend Community College courses are now £15. Leaflets available for members of the public.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

359 ARMED FORCES IN WALES AWARDS 2018

There has been some great work in supporting the Armed Forces. If you feel individuals deserve special recognition please put them forward for an award.

The evening will take place on 29 November 2018 at a venue to be confirmed.

- Cut off for Award nominations – 10th September 2018.
- Award Panel Meeting – 25th September 2018.

Categories are as follows:

- Armed Forces Award.
- Covenant Award.
- Sports Award.
- Youth/Cadets Award.

Any queries please contact. Mr Andrew Williams BA (Hons) | SO2
Civilian Integration | Headquarters 160th Infantry Brigade and
Headquarters Wales, The Barracks Brecon, LD3 7EA|
Mil: 94351 2202 | Civ: 01874 613202 | Mob: 07464 492623 | Email:
andrew.williams935@mod.gov.uk

The Royal British Legion's Veterans Medical Funds programme The
Royal British Legion's Veterans Medical Funds programme is open for
applications. The programme is funded through a five year, £13m
commitment from HM Treasury using income generated from the Libor
rate-fixing fines. It has two elements: support for veterans with hearing
loss and support for veterans with serious physical injury.

A copy of the application template and criteria for the Armed Forces in
Wales Awards 2018 is available in the Clerk's office.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

360 **MAESTEG GLEEMEN MALE VOICE CHOIR REQUEST**
TOWN PLAQUES AND ARMORIAL BEARINGS

Letter received requesting two Town plaques and armorial bearings to
present to St Petersport Town dignitaries and Guernsey Welsh Male
Voice Choir during their tour of Guernsey, 5th – 9th April 2018.

RESOLVED: Clerk to provide the Choir with two plaques and armorial
bearings, together with letters from the Council.

361 **ENGAGEMENT EVENT INVITATION FROM THE**
INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

The Independent Review Panel is hosting a series of engagement events
and would like to invite council members, clerks and key stakeholders.

To help Community and Town Councils play the best role they can in
their communities, an opportunity to make your voice heard. Two places
available for each Council.

At the event you will hear from the panel on their findings to date, as well
as having tabled discussions on the panel's key areas of focus. Finally
there will be an opportunity for a feedback session with the panel.

Thursday, 15 March 2018, 09:30 – 12:30 pm, Old St Mellons Village

Hall, Newport Road, Old St Mellons, Cardiff, CF3 5UN.

The Independent Panel has been hearing views on Community and Town Councils over the past few weeks and engaged with over 220 stakeholders so far. The latest newsletter to keep up to date with their progress is available for members in the Clerk's office.

RESOLVED: The Mayor, Cllr I Williams, and Cllr P Jenkins to attend on behalf of Maesteg Town Council.

362 REFERRALS MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

- **FLY TIPPING OF PALLETS**

Pallets in the hedge between street lights 14 and 15 on Crown Road by the waste ground on the approach to the Cemetery.

RESPONSE: BCBC logged the request and passed it on to our street cleaning team.

- **FLY TIPPING**

Fly tipping outside the Kitchen and Bathroom Emporium 15A Talbot Street, CF34 9BW. There have been sightings of rats and Domino's Pizza are very concerned as this is within the vicinity of their premises. This has been reported to Bridgend County Borough Council Highways; however, nothing has been done. Therefore, the Clerk has reported to the Environmental Department, BCBC.

RESPONSE: Several reports have been received regarding this issue. Upon checking maps it shows that the lane at the rear of the Kitchen and Bathroom Emporium (which has now closed down) is not adopted by the Council so therefore we are unable to remove the waste (most of which is on the private rear curtilage). However, on a few occasions we have removed some waste which has fallen onto the adopted path that connects Talbot Street to Plasnewydd Street. I will have to speak to the Enforcement Officer who covers Maesteg to see what else can be done by this department and I will respond to you after this is done.

- **FLY TIPPING**

Rubbish/carrier bags sighted close on grass verge close to Flat 321 Bridgend Road. Rats sighted ripping open these bags.

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

- **RECYCLING COLLECTIONS**

Reports received of recycling materials strewn over the highways and pavements at several locations; Llwydarth Road, Commercial Street, Monica Street.

RESPONSE: BCBC have arranged for the Street Cleaning Team to visit the area.

- **PAVING STONES IN DANGEROUS CONDITION**

Complaints received of paving stones outside the Iced Cake Parlour being in a dangerous condition.

AWAITING RESPONSE:

- **RECYCLING CONTAINERS**

The following recycling containers requested:

- Food waste bags – 17 Nant Y Dderwen
- All recycling containers, Food waste bags, General waste bags, Absorbent Hygiene waste bags – The Navigation Hotel, Dyffryn Road
- Paper recycling white bag – St Peter’s Hall
- Food waste bags & general waste blue bags – 53A & 53B Commercial Street

RESPONSE: Requests has been processed, allow at least ten working days for delivery. Blue bags and the biodegradable food waste bags are currently being delivered to all households in the Bridgend County Borough.

FLY TIPPING

Fly tipping at Ferriers Row

RESPONSE: A report has been logged and arrangements made to remove the waste.

- **POTHoles**

Pothole on Bridge Street at the junction of Castle Street.

AWAITING RESPONSE:

RESOLVED: To confirm action taken.

363 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES
ANNUAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2018

E-mail received in accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, a link to the IRPW's Annual Report, February 2018 and a covering letter from the Chair, Mr John Bader. This has also been sent to the Cabinet Secretary for Local Government & Public Services and other interested parties.

You can find the report by using the following link:

<http://gov.wales/irpwsb/home/publication-reports/58592459/?skip=1&lang=en>

The report will have effect for the financial year 2018 / 2019. The Panel would be grateful if you could make your members aware of the content of the report, especially Community & Town councils.

E-mail forwarded to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: To note the information contained in the report and confirm action taken.

364 BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH CITIZENS ADVICE
MAESTEG BRANCH

Following a review of delivery of services, the CAB Maesteg Branch have decided to join with many other local community organisations and utilise more fully the shared facilities available at Hartshorn House.

Consequently, CAB have decided not to seek to renew their lease of the Council Offices when the existing lease expires on 31 March 2018.

CAB are particularly keen to extend their gratitude and thanks to the Council for valued contributions and assistance that have helped them to deliver services from the Council Offices over the many years.

The Clerk to have discussions with the Officers of BCB Citizens Advice and oversee the move.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a Property Committee Meeting to discuss the future for the first floor of the building .

365 REQUEST FOR CIVIC RECEPTION 1ST JUNE

An e-mail received from Alun Hodges, as The President of the Welsh Bowling Association, requesting a Civic Reception to be held in commemoration of Maesteg Bowling Club's 90th Anniversary and the visit of the Welsh Bowling Team to mark the celebration on June 1st 2018.

Members noted that for the past 9 years Mr Hodges has been a National Selector and Team Manager, actually taking teams to the Commonwealth Games (Glasgow) and World Championships (Australia 2012) and (New Zealand 2016).

As this event is a great honour to the Town and the Council, it was

RESOLVED: To agree to this request and that the Clerk makes the appropriate arrangements.

366 ONE VOICE WALES

Letter received from One Voice Wales offering 50% discounted membership for the first year to any Council who have not been in membership in the last three years.

The membership fees for 2018/19
Full Price: £2469
50% reduction for year: £1234.50

RESOLVED: To note information and decline the membership.

367 WORKING WITH KEEP WALES TIDY

Keep Wales Tidy (KWT) have been working in partnership with Town and Community Councils for many years, working together to protect and maintain the quality of our local environment.

KWT want to continue our collaborative approach and work more closely with you to support local communities, improved health and well-being and to protect our precious environment. The attached document provides an overview of how we can support the achievement of our mutual objectives in a cost effective way.

The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act places a responsibility on every public body to consider the future when making plans for today. We can provide advice, support and other services to help ensure environmental sustainability is built into your forward plans.

https://keepwalestidy-my.sharepoint.com/personal/melanie_johns_keepwalestidy_org/Documents/Town%20and%20Community%20Councils%20working%20with%20Keep%20Wales%20Tidy.pdf

RESOLVED: To consider this during the Environmental Projects Agenda item in next month's meeting.

368 IRPW ANNUAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2018

Copy of the above report e-mailed to all Councillors. Members noted the contents of section 13 within the report = Payments to Members of Community and Town Councils.

Members were advised that Maesteg Town Council agreed not to accept annual payments; however, travel and subsistence payments are made to Members attending approved duties.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

369 MAESTEG TOWN HALL - HERITAGE LOTTERY STAGE 1 BID OUTCOME

Members noted that stage 1 of the Heritage Lottery application for Maesteg Town Hall submitted by the Council's Regeneration team has been approved.

BCBC Maesteg Members' meeting is to be held on Thursday, 8th March 2018; to which the Mayor and Clerk are invited. Further information will be provided.

RESOLVED: Members' congratulations to be sent to the Head of Regeneration, Development and Property, BCBC.

370 **OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH PROVISION FOR PUPILS WITH ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS (ALN) AT YSGOL GYFUN GYMRAEG LLANGYNWYD**

On Tuesday 27 February 2018, following the requirements of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, Bridgend County Borough Council's Cabinet determined the proposal to open a Learning Resource Centre (LRC) for 12 pupils with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd.

The Cabinet considered the proposal and the outcome of the statutory notice period in accordance with the School Organisation Code 2013. The Cabinet decided to approve the proposal and as a result the LRC at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd will open from 1 March 2018.

It was noted that no objections were received during the public notice period. In determining the proposal, Cabinet was satisfied that the proposal will:

- ensure that pupils who have ASD will be educated through the medium of Welsh at the Welsh-medium secondary school in Bridgend;
- allow for continuity of education and provision for these pupils;
- have no negative impact on any minority group; and
- have no negative impact on the community.

Information is also available on the BCBC website under 'Consultations'.
<http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/services/consultation/aln-llangynwyd.aspx>

RESOLVED: To note information.

371 **ARRIVA TRAINS WALES**

Complaints received that the 8.15 am train from Bridgend to Maesteg was delayed and then terminated in Tondu. This is happening on a regular basis and commuters to and from Maesteg are having to find alternative transportation to Bridgend and Cardiff and from Tondu to Maesteg without prior notification.

This is a well-used service with many of your customers not receiving the standard of service that other commuters receive. A letter of concern had

been sent requesting assurance that this service will be treated fairly in future and that alternative transportation is provided should there be a need to terminate further down the route.

RESOLVED: To write to local AM advising of commuters' concerns, as this is a regular occurrence.

372 MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Information received from Chris Elmore MP on the forthcoming Advice Surgeries. Poster displayed on notice board; however, the Maesteg Advice Surgery scheduled for Friday 2 March was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

RESOLVED: To note information.

373 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. CAERAU DEVELOPMENT TRUST (CDT)

Cllr P Davies declared an interest.

Request for financial assistance towards the purchase of a defibrillator to be located at the Caerau Community Centre.

Following enquiries a suitable defibrillator would cost in the region of £1200 to purchase and install. CDT aim to make the defibrillator accessible to suitably trained individuals within the locality including 24 hour access for the local PCSO's.

During discussion the Clerk advised that the Welsh Ambulance Service had not responded to enquiries made regarding defibrillators within the Town.

RESOLVED:

- (i) Council donate the sum of £200 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).
- (ii) The Clerk to ascertain where defibrillators are within the Town.

2. WALK FOR LIFE KIDNEY WALES

Annual letter received from the above charity for financial assistance for the “Walk for Life” 2018. The charity continues to support families across Wales affected by kidney and renal failure.

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

3. CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK

The annual request for financial support for the above charity, together with supporting information on their continuing work with children in Great Ormond Street Hospital.

RESOLVED: Council donate the sum of £100 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

4. CÔR MEIBION MAESTEG A’R CYLCH

Côr Meibion Maesteg a’r Cylch is respectfully seeking some fanatical support from the council, to help with the expense of Hiring Maesteg Town Hall, and the subsequent advertising, to stage their Annual Concert in Maesteg Town Hall on Saturday 12th May 2018.

As you know the costs associated with staging a concert in Maesteg Town Hall is rather expensive, and costs has been rising year on year, but as a very long standing and prominent Maesteg choir, they feel it is their duty to patronise this iconic building, to showcase local talent and provide Maesteg with an evening of First Class Quality entertainment.

Therefore we ask for your serious consideration, in this our request for financial assistance.

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

5. CHILDREN’S WALES AIR AMBULANCE

Annual request for financial assistance from Children’s Wales Air Ambulance (CWAA) a specialist division of the Wales Air Ambulance; providing specialist expert care for paediatric and neonatal patients who need air support.

RESOLVED: Council donate the sum of £250 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

374 GOVERNOR VACANCY NANTYFFYLLON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following the resignation of Mr Terry Mizen as Maesteg Town Council's Governor on Nantyffyllon Primary School, nomination required for this position.

RESOLVED: Council agreed that Councillor Andrew James be appointed as the Maesteg Town Council's representative on Nantyffyllon Primary School Board of Governors.

375 DELEGATES' REPORT

SCRUTINY MEETING 12th FEBRUARY 2018
BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Councillor P W Jenkins attended on behalf of the Council. During the meeting the report was discussed and a number of questions were raised. A full report for on- street parking will be presented to Cabinet in March, including that of residents only parking with outcomes forwarded to all Town Councils.

Both Bridgend and Porthcawl trader representatives asked for better access for vehicles to their respective towns. With regard to Bridgend there is a plan to implement more vehicle access into the town centre but this is subject to funding which is not available at this time. There are no plans at present to introduce parking meters within our towns with exception of maybe Porthcawl Promenade.

A question was raised on the distinct lack of parent and child spaces within BCBC car parks and this was agreed to be looked at. BCBC have purchased a camera vehicle (and additional personnel to operate) to be up and running in the next month, primarily targeting parking hotspots outside schools etc.

Viable and vibrant places – Councillor Jenkins advised that Maesteg Town Centre would welcome better interaction with the Town Centre Manager. It was confirmed that with regard to empty shops and buildings within our Town Centre, Councils do have the powers to compulsory

purchase and bring them into a good state of repair; however, BCBC currently do not have the resources.

Considering the future development of Maesteg Town Hall, the Town Council fully support the proposals and look forward to BCBC securing the funding. It was requested that the same commitment be given to Maesteg Town Hall as to other developments within the Borough.

Copy of Scrutiny Officers' Report that was discussed in the meeting available in the Clerk's office or using the following links:

<https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=396&MIId=3047&Ver=4&LLL=0>

<https://democratic.bridgend.gov.uk/documents/s14644/OVSC%203%2012th%20February%202018%20Town%20Centre%20Regeneration.pdf?LLL=0>

Question was asked about the purpose of the camera car, the response being "to target parking hotspots of illegal parking and to act as a deterrent; however they are unable to enforce cars parked on double yellow lines."

Also discussed in the meeting were opportunities to enhance other areas of Maesteg Town.

Members were reminded that negative comments regarding regeneration can harm funding applications and put them in jeopardy.

RESOLVED: Once appointed the Maesteg Town Manager to be invited to a future Council Meeting.

376 PLANS

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

The following planning applications were discussed and were supported by Members:

Ref: P/18/71/FUL
Applicant: Bronze Berry Ltd
Location: Old Lynfi Bakery Llynfi Lane (Rear 18 Commercial Street)
Maesteg CF34 9DE
Proposal: Change of use from fish and chip shop to tanning centre with flat above

Ref: P/18/98/FUL
Applicant: Master J Dyke
Location: 2 Zoar Avenue Maesteg CF34 9UT
Proposal: Single storey extension to provide kitchen and shower room

Ref: P/18/120/FUL
Applicant: Garn Stores
Location: Garn Stores 46a Garn Road Maesteg CF34 9AT
Proposal: Infill extension of single storey structure and alteration of roof structure to existing single storey annexe

The following planning application was discussed:

Ref: P/18/116/OUT
Applicant: Mr R Dyke
Location: Former garage compound adjoining 32 / 33 Cwrt y Mwnws
Maesteg CF34 0AL
Proposal: Outline application for 4no. Semi-detached two storey dwellings

Concerns were raised over access and e-gress to the properties.

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

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Mayor