

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 June 2017.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGY for absence received from Councillor G Bevan.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

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

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

26 POLICE MATTERS

Parking obstruction Alfred Street, Maesteg

Complaint received on behalf of an elderly gentleman who uses a mobility scooter. The drop kerbs at the above location are constantly obstructed on a daily basis; photographic evidence provided. It was confirmed that this would be investigated.

Members were advised that with regard to the River Street location, warnings had been issued to residents who had obstructed the "drop kerbs" in this area.

Vicarage Terrace, Maesteg, CF34 9PF

Complaints received from residents regarding youth annoyance at the location of between 12-13 Vicarage Terrace. Members noted that the youths in question had been spoken to. Furthermore, the PCSOs had attended Assembly at the local Comprehensive School to advise pupils of the penalties that could result if found to be guilty of “youth annoyance”.

It was reported that incidents of “egg throwing” and harassment to elderly people within the Town had been investigated and warnings issued; areas continue to be monitored.

PCSOs continue to visit the areas of Crown Road, Brodawl, Lewis Road and adjacent streets to try to alleviate the ongoing dangerous use of the cycle/community route by off road vehicles. The importance of residents reporting incidents as they occur was again stressed.

It was confirmed that the Traffic Warden had spoken to Taxis drivers with regard to parking illegally in the vicinity of the Town Hall; continue to be monitored.

It was noted that there were a drop in numbers of Members of the Public attending PACT meetings and it was felt that this was due to the lack of advertising. Members were assured that meetings are now being advertised via twitter and face book and that the Gazette representative was being contacted to insert into the Maesteg Column.

Concerns were raised with regard to:

- Speeding at the Bridgend Road location near Garth Welfare Park; definitely a risk to the safety of young children visiting the Park; request was made for a Police Speed Camera to be placed in this vicinity.
- Youths congregating within our Public Parks, drinking/drug taking, etc.
- The “Family Value” building again insecure and youths seen entering the premises.
- Persistent obstructive parking at the locations of Garn Road, Wood Street and Park Street.
- Parking on pavements Hermon Road, Caerau; members of the public unable to access.

- Police Sergeant Bradley confirmed that these issues would be investigated.

The Police Sergeant was thanked for attending.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To await responses of concerns raised.
- (ii) The Clerk to be advised of any issues in order for them to be forwarded to the Inspector for his action and response

27 MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor advised Council of the following events attended:

- *Official opening of the 2017 Gwyl Maesteg Festival*
- *Official opening of the Maesteg Art Society Exhibition*

RESOLVED: To note the Mayor's report.

28 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2nd May 2017; copy of which had been circulated to Members, were read and accepted as a true record.

RESOLVED: The Minutes be approved, adopted, with all recommendations accepted, and signed by the Mayor.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 23rd May 2017, which had been circulated to Members, were read.

RESOLVED: Amendments required – nominations received for Chairs of the Committees of Council.

MATTERS ARISING

29 MINUTE 382
SPIRIT OF LLYNFI WOODLAND AND CELEBRATION EVENT

The Clerk reminded Members of the Celebration Event on 15th July 2017 and having given their support to this event are required to advise Natural Resources Wales of their contributions to be placed into the Capsule .

RESOLVED: Members to advise the Clerk of their contributions to be forwarded to Natural Resources Wales.

30 **MINUTE 396**

EMI PROVISION WITHIN THE LLYNFI VALLEY

Members were reminded of the information received with regard to the replacement development for Hyfrydol:

- the nursing home resource, currently have twenty-four residents plus a facility for respite care.
- the new planned unit, which will be a privately run charity organisation, will not be able to accommodate all of the residents; their families being advised to look for suitable alternative care homes.
- the relatives are very concerned, not only for the stress that will be placed on their “loved ones” who may have to be transferred to care homes outside of the Valley, but also for the travelling issues that will arise from due to relocation, thus restricting the amount of time they will be able to spend with their family members.
- concern expressed that the planned new facility will not have EMI provision; thus another important service not available to residents.
- Council requested to seek clarification why vacant places are not being re-allocated.

RESOLVED:

To seek clarification from Bridgend County Borough Council and the Minister for Health and Social Services, Wales Government:

- plans/proposals on the closure of Hyfrydol ; the transfer and future care of residents
- current plans on vacant places; why not being re-allocated
- EMI provision within the Llynfi Valley

31 **MINUTE 436**

OLD MAPS OF LLYNFI VALLEY

The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent, on behalf of the Council, to Mr Andrew Burridge thanking him for presenting the authentic Maps

of the Llynfi Valley and advising that they would be displayed in the Council Chamber.

RESOLVED: To confirm action of the Clerk.

**32 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
GOVERNOR APPOINTMENTS**

Cllr R Davies nominated from September 2017 as Governor of Caerau Primary School, representing Maesteg Town Council. The Clerk advised that information received that Cllr Davies is an employee of the School; therefore, cannot represent the Council as a Governor.

RESOLVED: To seek clarification from Local Education Authority, Bridgend County Borough Council.

33 LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2017

RESOLVED: That the List of Payments made by the Council during the month of May 2017, copy of which had been circulated to Members, be accepted, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE

34 LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr Jen Terry, and Consort visited Mr Tommy Fiedler of the Blue Pearl Restaurant to relay the Council's congratulations and best wishes to him on his retirement after over 60 years of providing a welcoming atmosphere and provision of good food for members of the community of Maesteg and visitors to the Valley.

RESOLVED: Information noted and action confirmed.

35 AUTHORITY'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE - VACANCIES

An e-mail received 15th May 2017 regarding the above. Following recent elections, two Town & Community Council representative vacancies

have arisen. The Monitoring Officer is therefore seeking expressions of interest and the role description for information was provided, together with details of the appropriate allowances for meetings attended. If any members of Town & Community Council are interested in sitting on the Standards Committee, e-mail Mr Andrew Jolly, Monitoring Officer, or Laura Griffiths, Senior Solicitor, on laura.griffiths@bridgend.gov.uk by Friday, 9th June 2017. The documentation was forwarded to Members for their information.

RESOLVED: Information noted and action confirmed.

36 PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION

Proposal received from Cllr D K Edwards for consideration by Council.

Ms Rosemary Martin served Maesteg Town Council for the past year 2016-2017 as Deputy Mayor; deputising for the Mayor on many occasions and representing the Council and the Town of Maesteg in a manner befitting such an office. Unfortunately, circumstances dictate that Ms Martin could not fulfil the role of Mayor for 2017-2018.

The proposal is that Ms Martin's role as Deputy Mayor should not go unrecognised and request Council to consider inviting her to attend the next Council Meeting and for the Mayor to present her with the Official Coat of Arms and Armorial Bearings for her service to our Community.

RESOLVED: To invite Ms Rosemary Martin to the July 2017 meeting to receive the Official Coat of Arms and Armorial Bearings.

37 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION MADE 6TH JUNE 2000 – SELECTION OF MAYOR (MINUTE 58)

Proposal received from Cllr C Reeves with regard to the above. In the interest of fairness, that the Council discuss the policy regarding selection of Mayor, Minute Number 58 dated 6th June 2000. A request that the following be added:

“If already served as Mayor, then revert to the bottom of the priority list”.

A further amendment was presented to Council:

“The current seniority list to be abolished at the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Election for the position of Deputy Mayor to take place from that date, the Deputy Mayor appointed becomes the Mayor elect for the following year. Nominations for Deputy Mayor from 2018 to be restricted to elected members who have not previously served a term as Mayor, where there is no interest shown by qualifying members, nominations can then be taken from members of the Council who have already completed one or more terms of office.” Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: That in the interest of fairness, the second amendment received by Council to amend Minute 58 , dated 6th June 2000, be adopted.

38 MELBOURNE WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR
FORMAL WELCOME TO THE TOWN AND CIVIC RECEPTION

His Worship the Mayor, Cllr Jen Terry, received representatives from the Melbourne Welsh Male Voice Choir and Maesteg Gleemen Male Voice Choir to the Council Chamber on 2nd May 2017.

The Mayor officially welcomed the Melbourne Welsh Male Voice Choir to Maesteg and presented the President of the Choir with the official Coat of Arms and Armorial Bearings. In response the President of the Choir, on behalf of their Town Mayor, presented the official Coat of Arms to Maesteg Town Council.

The evening progressed with a superb Concert in the Maesteg Town Hall, followed by the Civic Reception.

E-mail received 17th May 2017 from the Secretary of the Maesteg Gleemen Male Voice Choir thanking the Council for the extreme welcome, reception and hospitality given to the Melbourne Welsh Male Voice Choir on their recent tour of the United Kingdom.

Letter received from the President of the Melbourne Male Voice Choir extending extreme thanks for the welcome and reception given by

Maesteg Town Council and confirming that they have many fond memories of their visit.

RESOLVED: Members noted information.

39 CHANGES TO HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Letter received from the Recycling and Waste Team, Bridgend County Borough, advising of the changes to the way that household waste and recycling is being collected from June. The poster has been displayed on the Council's notice boards and leaflets made available for members of the public.

The Clerk advised that many complaints had been received from residents with regard to the revised system which had been referred to Bridgend County Borough Council. It was noted that "normal services" with regard to collection of waste and recycling items will be continued for a further three months to ensure that the situation is rectified.

RESOLVED: To await developments.

40 WELSH GOVERNMENT NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR WALES - NEWSLETTER APRIL 2017

Council is invited to comment on the consultation on the draft Integrated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the National Development Framework for Wales. This is an important consultation which will help steer the development of the Integrated Sustainability Appraisal and NDF from its early stages. The closing date for responses is 21st July 2017.

RESOLVED: Councillor W May to consider document and to report to Council at the next meeting.

41 MEETING OF MAESTEG MEMBERS MAJOR PROJECTS AND COLLABORATION

Information received that Head of Regeneration, Development and Property will be inviting on behalf of Cabinet Member, who is also the

Chair of the Maesteg Members' meetings, the Mayor (or in his absence Deputy) and Clerk of Maesteg Town Council to future meetings of the Maesteg Members' meetings; the first being held on 27th July 2017.
Confirmed attendance of the Mayor and Clerk.

RESOLVED: Information noted and action confirmed.

42 **REPLACEMENT OF RAILINGS AT LLWYDARTH ROAD
MAESTEG**

Confirmation received from the Highways Network Manager, Bridgend County Borough Council, that the pedestrian barrier is not designed to prevent vehicles from leaving the highway; it is present to ensure that pedestrians remain on the footway at this location. The attachment of the new fence is in accordance with what is required for a Pedestrian Guard Rail and the repair work has been completed.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

43 **OAKWOOD ESTATE LAND DRAINAGE**

Confirmation received from the Coastal & Flood Management Team Leader, Bridgend County Borough Council, that DCWW are continuing to be liaising with Network Rail due to the health and safety requirements of working within the vicinity of the railway line. The site will be monitored further and if required further discussion with DCWW will be undertaken.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

44 **CODE OF PRACTICE ON WORKFORCE MATTERS - ANNUAL
MONITORING EXERCISE**

Documentation dated 8th May 2017 received from Welsh Government regarding the above, requesting the completion of an annual monitoring exercise form, more commonly known as the Two-Tier Code.

The Code is designed to ensure that where public services are outsourced to a third party and staff are transferred, TUPE should apply.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

45 ONE VOICE WALES' LARGER COUNCILS AND INNOVATIVE PRACTICE AWARDS CONFERENCE 5TH JULY 2017 - HAFOD, ROYAL WELSH SHOWGROUND

Information received on the above Conference which will incorporate their Innovative Practice Awards Ceremony. Excellent range of speakers including Jen Heal, Design Commission for Wales who will be discussing Good Practice in Community/Place and also Richard Baker from Welsh Government who will be discussing Devolution of Services and Asset Transfers. Conference registration form available.

Following discussion on the benefits to Council of delegates attending this Conference it was

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain the cost of fees for attending the Conference.

46 BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL (TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) BRYNCELYN LANE MAESTEG, ORDER 2017.

Notification received on the above which comes into force on 6th June 2017 and it is anticipated will be operative from 9.00 to 15.30 on Tuesday, 6th to 8th June 2017 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months or until the works are completed whichever is the sooner.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

47 **LAND DRAINAGE PRIORY TERRACE, MAESTEG**

Confirmation received from Land Drainage Officer, Bridgend County Borough Council, that an order has been raised to renew the gully and connection into the main sewer. The work will be completed once resources become available.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

48 **ARMED FORCES DAY**

Information received regarding the above event which is to be held on Saturday, 24th June 2017 requesting the Council attend events in their area to give thanks to all of the armed forces in appreciation of what they do for their country.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

49 **SEAFARERS UK**

Request from the above organisation to fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day which is to be held on 3rd September 2017; the purpose of flying the Red Ensign on a civic building or prominent campaign is to raise public awareness of ongoing reliance on seafarers and shipping. Full details on www.merchantnavyday.uk

RESOLVED: The Clerk to obtain cost of flag.

50 **BRIDGEND CARERS**

Invitation and information received from the above organisation on the Carers One Stop Shop Event in Association with Hafod Care to be held on Thursday, 15th June, 1 – 4 pm, at Brocastle Manor House, Brocastle Estate, Ewenny, Bridgend. This is an informal event with afternoon Tea.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

51 BRIDGEND CARERS CENTRE NEWSLETTER

The above newsletter received and available for Members' information.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

52 FOCUS ON PLAY

A copy of the May 2017 magazine received and available for Members' information.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

53 BRIDGEND ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Invitation and information received regarding Bridgend Show for Voluntary Organisations; Friday 7th and Saturday 8th July from 10.15 am to 4 pm at the Bridgend Show, Pencoed. Booking form available.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

54 COMPLAINT

Letters received from a resident of Maesteg seriously complaining and having concerns for the following:

- Cemetery conditions and lack of toilet facilities at this location
- Ladies' Toilet Maesteg
- Dangerous condition of the Railway Bridge near Harvey Street
- Revised recycling system

The concerns have been raised within the Citizens' Panel form but not in the depth as noted in the letter, which is available for Members' information.

RESOLVED: To forward the letters to the relevant Departments, Bridgend County Borough Council.

55 NATURE GROUP

An e-mail received from a young person voicing concern on the litter problems within the Town particularly the condition of the Maesteg Cycle Route/Walkway. The young lady requests that the Town Council support the setting up of a Nature Group.

The information has been sent to the Llynfi Valley River Care & Environmental Group, Natural Resources and Friends of the Maesteg Welfare Park.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

56 REFERRALS – FORWARDED DURING MONTH OF MAY 2017

Several referrals have been made to Kier Ltd, regarding commercial waste bins not being emptied and residential waste not being picked up.
Response: Being attended to as a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED: That the information noted and actions confirmed.

57 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. MAESTEG & DISTRICT MALE VOICE CHOIR

Letter received from Nigel Williams, Hon Secretary for Maesteg & District Male Voice Choir advising of a joint concert with Aberondda Male Voice Choir, in the Town Hall on the 8th July. This was to be a general fund raising event, but now in light of the tragic news of Mrs Maybury, they have decided to reallocate the funds to her cause. They will be providing a buffet for their visitors from Brecon, as a special request would like the council to consider a donation of £250.00 to cover the cost.

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

2. **MEDITEC SOLUTIONS**

Letter received from Ryan Gibson requesting financial assistance from the Council to purchase Public Access Defibrillators for several areas within Bridgend County Borough. The equipment will be used by Community First Responders, which could potentially save lives especially if ambulances are unable to reach them, this equipment is highly expensive, any donation would be most gratefully received.

RESOLVED: To decline the application as it had been confirmed that this was a commercial venture.

3. **THE SAMARITANS**

Letter received appealing to Maesteg Town Council for financial assistance to remain supporting the people of Maesteg.

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

4. **MARIE CURIE**

Letter received requesting financial support from the above charity. Marie Curie is the UK's leading charity for people with any terminal illness. The charity helps people living with terminal illness and their families. Marie Curie employs more than 2,700 nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals and also runs a support line, which provides free confidential support and practical information on all aspects of terminal illness.

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

5. CUBS & BEAVERS

E-mail received from Cubs & Beavers from their Scouts Hall on Ewenny Road, Maesteg. The building is in very much need of dire repair. The staff and children, who work fantastic together, have been fundraising in order to pay for essential repairs. Although their hard work and determination has helped, it is going to take a considerable amount of time before sufficient amounts are raised. Could you find it in your hearts to make a donation of any kind, to continue a positive impact on the children.

RESOLVED: To seek further information on repairs required and to request a site meeting.

58 PLANS

Ref: P/17/321/FUL
Proposal: Convert existing flat roof to new pitch roof
Applicant: Mr J Wines
Location: 2 Pond Mawr, Maesteg

Ref: P/17/295/FUL
Proposal: Proposed inclusion of land into domestic curtilage
Applicant: Mr L R Davies
Location: 24 Aneurin Bevan Way, Maesteg

Ref: P/17/389/FUL
Proposal: Construct a precast concrete wheel park for children. Wheel park is 3.2m wide and 15m total length (38sq.m in area)
Applicant: Valley to Coast Housing
Location: Land between 170&183 Oakwood, Maesteg

RESOLVED: That the above Planning Applications be supported.

Ref: P/17/266/FUL
Proposal: Change of use for storage of private vehicles and personal property with an ancillary use for private leisure pursuits for hobby in spare time
Applicant: Mr G J Morris
Location: Land rear 26 Greenfield Street, Maesteg

RESOLVED: The clerk to write to the Planning Department, outlining that the Planning Committee still have grave concerns that it is commercial, not private. It was also to be noted that residents within the area have complained about the extra noise and the heavy flow of traffic from the lorries.

**Read and accepted at a meeting
of the Council held on 4th July 2017**

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Mayor

Further to this we have had a response from Lee Evans, Senior Planning Officer, informing that the application has now been refused by the council and they are in the process of undertaking Enforcement Action to stop the use (manufacturing of concrete products) taking place at the site.