

## **MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES** for absence received from Councillors G Bevan, R Penhale-Thomas, R Davies and A James.

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllrs D K Edwards, 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.

#### **92 GIDEON INTERNATIONAL**

The Mayor welcomed Mr Lloyd and a colleague from Gideon's International to the Council Meeting.

Mr Lloyd thanked the Council for the opportunity to present a copy of the Bible once again to its Mayor, and stated that he hoped the Bible would guide the Mayor through his year of Office and extended the best wishes of the Organisation to all Members of the Council.

The Mayor thanked the gentlemen for attending and their presentation of the Bible. The Mayor extended best wishes to Mr Lloyd on his forthcoming retirement.

**93 THE BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE – “THE VALLEY REMEMBERS”**

Mr R Meredith was welcomed to the meeting. Firstly, the Council were thanked for allowing the Maesteg Branch of the British Legion to use the Council Office Building to stage the Passchendaele Exhibition; a most fitting venue as the Chamber was used to hear WW1 appeals against conscription.

Members received a brief history of the 9 Battles fought and a report on the Commemoration Events to date to honour the 32 men from Llynfi Valley who lost their lives. Members noted that the Exhibition to date had received over two hundred visitors.

Members thanked Mr Meredith for his commitment and dedication for his research work and in organising the Exhibition on behalf of the Maesteg Branch of the British Legion.

**94 POLICE MATTERS**

Apologies received from the Inspector and Sgt Bradley.

Members considered the figures for the month of July 2017, comparing them to the crimes committed in the various categories for 2016.

**CRIME STATISTICS FOR JULY 2017**

	<b>Caerau / Nanty</b>	<b>Maesteg East</b>	<b>Maesteg West</b>	<b>Llan</b>	<b>Total in category</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Dwelling burglary</b>	4	3	3	0	<b>10</b>
	1	0	1	0	<b>2</b>

<b>Burglary other</b>					
<b>Theft of vehicle</b>	2	0	1	0	<b>3</b> (1xsecure, 2x motorcycles)
<b>Theft from vehicle</b>	2	1	2	0	<b>5</b> (all secure)
<b>All other theft</b>	6	9	11	1	<b>27</b>
<b>Damage</b>	7	6	9	3	<b>25</b>
<b>Assault with injury</b>	3	0	5	1	<b>9</b>
<b>All crime total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Anti-social behaviour</b>	13	10	10	1	<b>34</b>
<b>Drink Driving</b>	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>

## 95 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor advised Council of the events and meetings attended during the month of July 2017:

- Attended annual concert of Cor Meibion with the Brecon Choir
- Maesteg Comprehensive Sports Presentation
- Garth Primary School Healthy Schools Award
- Spirit of the Llynfi Woodland Celebration Event & burying of time capsule
- Concert and Service Our Lady & St Patrick's Catholic Church in commemoration of " Passchendaele 1917-2017"
- Official opening of Passchendaele Exhibition – "The Valley Remembers"

- Bubbles and Cake – Cancer Research “Flame of Hope Voluntary Award”
- “Commemoration of Mining” in the Bryn Community
- BCBC Members Meeting regarding Maesteg Projects and Collaboration
- Noteworthy Concert - Deputy Mayor attended on behalf of the Mayor
- Commemoration Service at the Cenotaph to remember the fallen of Passchendaele

**RESOLVED:** To note the Mayor’s report.

**96 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017; copy of which had been circulated to Members, were read and accepted as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**97 MINUTE 66  
RECEIPT OF MEETING DOCUMENTATION**

The Clerk advised that for clarification an extract from The Governors Good Council Guide advises that:

“At least three clear days before each Council or Committee meeting, **a summons and agenda should be sent to Councillors.** The three clear days is established in law because it is important to be notified of issues to be discussed.

The **agenda** is the list of items to be covered during a meeting. It identifies the “business to be transacted” and forms part of the summons.

**Three clear days** has a specific legal meaning in relation to the issuing of the agenda. It does not include the day on which the agenda was sent out, or the day of the meeting. It also excludes Sundays, bank holidays and the days of the Christmas and Easter breaks.”

The Clerk assured Members of the Council, that unless there is unforeseen circumstances, the above will be adhered to.

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

**98**    **MINUTE 67**  
**SPIRIT OF LLYNFI WOODLAND AND CELEBRATION EVENT**

E-mail received from Llynfi Woodland Group and Natural Resources Wales extending sincere thanks for the Mayor's attendance at the Capsule celebration event on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The on-going support of Maesteg Town Council for the Woodland Project is greatly valued and both organisations look forward to the Council's continuing involvement, helping to make this a truly fantastic woodland for both the current and future generations.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**99**    **MINUTE 67**  
**IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

The cost of the above confirmed at £4 each which will contain photograph, name of Councillor and Maesteg Town Council with Crest.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**100**    **MINUTE 68**  
**EMI PROVISION WITHIN THE LLYNFI VALLEY**

Information received from Community Engagement Manager, Morganstone, regarding commencement of enabling works to Maesteg Extra Care Residential Scheme. Local residents, businesses, etc. invited to attend a pre-commencement meeting arranged for Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm at the Community Hub, Castle Street, Maesteg. The meeting is an informal drop-in event giving the opportunity for members of the local community to discuss the project and meet the team working on the project.

In response to a question raised, the Clerk confirmed that on behalf of the Council, she had written to the Head of Adult Social Care, Social Services and Wellbeing Directorate, requesting clarification on EMI provision.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**101** **MINUTE 79**  
**LOCAL FLOOD FORUM**

Letter received from Huw Irranca-Davies AM and Chris Elmore MP regarding the above, offering assistance and advice; copy of which sent to Members for information.

Several members highlighted the concerns still being expressed by residents with regard to the culverts within the Garth location. It was confirmed that a meeting had been requested with the Leader and Corporate Director of Communities, Bridgend County Borough Council, to discuss this issue and to consider ways of preventing such flooding occurring in the future. It was felt that viewing the CCTV footage in and around these locations would be beneficial.

With regard to the setting up of a Local Flood Forum, consultation would be required in the first instance with residents.

**RESOLVED:** To await developments.

**102** **MINUTE 82**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING**

E-mail received from the Monitoring Office, BCBC, advising that provision of 2 training courses will be available; dates to be confirmed.

**RESOLVED:** To await information.

**103** **MINUTE 85**  
**GWYL MAESTEG FESTIVAL 2017**

Several letters received during the month thanking the Council for hosting a successful Festival and thanking everyone involved behind the

scenes and the organisers; which included letters from The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Pam Davies and Consort, Caerau Senior Citizens, Staff of Tynant Nursing Home, Chairman of Merthyr Mawr Community Council, Maesteg Hospital Staff and League of Friends, Llynfi Valley Amateur Dramatic Society, Dance Collaboration.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**104 MINUTE NUMBER 90**  
**FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

*Letters of thanks received from:*

Marie Curie  
Cor Meibion Male Voice Choir  
The Samaritans

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**105 LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**106 CAERAU MINEWATER HEAT PROJECT EXHIBITION**

Documentation received from Bridgend County Borough Council's Sustainable Development Team regarding the above arranged for Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July at St Cynfelyn's Church Hall, Cymmer Road, Caerau, Maesteg, CF34 0PT. An opportunity to ask questions about the project, and to see some exhibits relating to energy use.

The Clerk advised sent to Councillors for their information.

**RESOLVED:** To confirm action taken and information noted.

**107 THE BATTLE OF PASSCHENDAELE – “THE VALLEY REMEMBERS”**

On request of Maesteg Branch of the British Legion the following information was forwarded to Councillors:

- Special Concert and Memorial Service to be held at Our Lady & St Patrick’s Catholic Parish, Maesteg, to commemorate and remember those 32 men of the Llynfi Valley who died at the Battle of Passchendaele, Belgium.  
Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 6.30 for 7 pm.
- 1917-2017 Exhibition to commemorate and remember the heroes of this horrific Battle, at the Council Offices, July 17<sup>th</sup> extended to the 2nd August 2017. To date over 170 family members /members of the public have visited the Exhibition. Many touched by the information and history provided.

On Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July at 11 am, the day the Battle commenced a Century ago, a service of remembrance at the War Memorial will be held. Three poppy wreaths will be laid in memory of the men who never came home. A Wreath will be taken to Langemark and laid on behalf of the Irish Regiment on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

**RESOLVED:** To confirm action of Clerk and note the information.

**108 PASSCHENDAELE AT HOME RESOURCES AND NEWSLETTER**

Passchendaele at Home is an exciting, nationwide research-and-remember project, who have resources for community groups across the UK to join in.

Copy given to the Maesteg Branch of the British Legion and available for Members’ information.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information and confirm action taken.

**109 PASSCHENDAELE EXHIBITION MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES**

Members confirmed receipt of a copy of an e-mail received from

Mr I ap Dafydd regarding the above Exhibition and facts regarding the Passchendaele battle, together with the Clerk's acknowledgement and response, advising that the exhibition was commissioned by the Maesteg Branch of the British Legion, the information and history being researched by Mr Roy Meredith. The Exhibition is most dignified and the title is "The Valley Remembers" and commemorates the 32 men from the Llynfi Valley who lost their lives in this horrific Battle. Members noted that the Exhibition continues into the month of August.

Mr ap Dafydd requested that the flag on the Council building be flown at half-mast for a period of time.

Members noted that Mr ap Dafydd has offered his services to talk to local schools of the great war and those who served and died in it.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) To confirm the action of the Clerk and to note the information.
- (ii) The Clerk to make arrangements for the "flag" on the Council building to be flown at half-mast at a suitable time.

**110 RAILWAY BRIDGE, NEAR HARVEY STREET/FERRIERS ROW**  
**MAESTEG**

A letter in response received from Corporate Director Communities, Bridgend County Borough Council, regarding the concerns expressed by a local resident about the condition of the railway bridge at the above location. Arrangements made for a Highway Inspector to take a look at the situation and consider if any immediate remedial action is required. It may well be that the responsibility for the repair of the bridge does not be with the Council and if so any concerns and request for work will be passed to Network Rail.

Further communication received advising that an inspection had been undertaken and the responsibility of repairs is with Network Rail, who have already undertaken some of the works identified.

An e-mail received from Network Rail Structures Asset Engineer, confirming that the maintenance team attended this structure and removed the timber board along the northern parapet. The timber decking boards are in a satisfactory condition and do not require replacement at this stage, but will be continuously monitored.

The boundary fencing appears to be damaged by the Japanese Knotweed and it has been confirmed by Network Rail that as this is within their ownership the maintenance team will attend, remove and replace as necessary.

It was noted that the above information had been forwarded to the local resident.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**111 RAILWAY BRIDGE, FERRIERS ROW MAESTEG  
FLYTIPPING OF BUILDER'S RUBBLE**

E-mail and photographs received from a resident of Harvey Street, representing several residents, expressing concerns about the builder's rubble that has been deposited at the above location. Many residents, some elderly, walk this area often and are complaining that this is hazardous. Forwarded to Corporate Director – Communities for action and response.

**RESOLVED:** To await developments.

**112 PLAY WALES SPIRIT 2017 – A HEALTHY CHILDHOOD**

Details of Conference filled with inspiring keynote speeches, lively discussions and practical workshops about children's play to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at Holiday Inn, Cardiff.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**113 WELSH HEARTS NEWSLETTER OF EVENTS**

The above Newsletter available for Members' information.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**114 SOUTH EAST WALES RET NEWSLETTER**

The above Newsletter available for Members' information.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**115 BRECON BEACONS RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN REVIEW 2017**

A copy of the above Plan received from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, inviting interested members to get involved. Available for Members' information.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**116 TY HAFAN FAMILY FUN DAY**

Information and invitation to Members to join Ty Hafan Family Fun Day on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2017, 12 – 5 pm at Ty Hafan, Hayes Road, Sully. Entry £2. Lots of attractions for everyone.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**117 HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING SURGERY AT BAVO**

Information received and invitation to the above Surgery to be held at BAVO on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017. Mr A Harris, Development Officer at HLF will be present to meet with groups; to book appointment contact Andy Harris on 02920 234155 or [Andrew.harris@hlf.org.uk](mailto:Andrew.harris@hlf.org.uk) by Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**118 UPCOMING SUMMER ADVICE SURGERIES  
CHRIS ELMORE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR OGMORE**

Information on forthcoming Advice Surgeries received which has been displayed on the Notice Board.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**119** **WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**  
**– ELECTORAL REFORM IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN**  
**WALES**

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government has launched a consultation on Electoral Reform. All responses to the consultation should be received by 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Copy of the Consultation Document available for Members.

**RESOLVED:** Council W May to review the document and make recommendations to Council.

**120** **WELSH GOVERNMENT**  
**MAKING CHANGES TO ELECTIONS AND HOW WE VOTE**

Documentation regarding the above received; available for Members. The Welsh Government want to make changes that help people in Wales have a say in elections. They want to hear what people think. Answers by 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to RLGProgramme@wales.gsi.gov.uk

**RESOLVED:** Councillor W May to review the document and make recommendations to Council.

**121** **CARDIAC SAFE – DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE COMMUNITY**  
**CAMPAIGN**

E-mail received from Customer Adviser, Primary Care Supplies, advising of a campaign being organised called the Cardia Safe. A range of defibrillators and packages, including training, especially for communities are available. Statistics available from the British Heart Foundation is quoted within the e-mail. If interested in viewing and requesting costs, contact details are available. Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk to make enquiries as to where defibrillators are situated within Maesteg.

## **122 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

Under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

Sections to be restricted: Bridgend Road, Garth – from its junction with Greenfield Terrace north for approximately 50 metres.

Reason for Restriction: Insufficient width of carriageway to maintain vehicular access during excavation to connect surface water drainage for new development to existing culvert.

emporary Diversion Route:

Bridgend Road, Castle Street, Talbot Street, Commercial Street, Bethania Street,

Llwydarth Road, Maesteg Road and reverse in opposite direction.

Period of Closure:

From 08.00 on 12/09/2017 until 16.00 on 10/10/2017 or until such time as the works

are completed up to a maximum of 18 months.

Closure Requested by: Louise Harris, Morganstone Ltd, Unit 3 Llys Aur, Llanelli.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

## **123 REFERRALS MONTH OF JULY 2017**

- **RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS**

During the past month the Clerks have referred several complaints to the Waste and Recycling Team regarding the revised recycling and waste collections, together with recycling boxes/bags not been delivered. Immediate responses received that matters being addressed and to allow at least 10 days for delivery.

- **PLASNEWYDD ADOPTED LINK FOOTWAY TO TALBOT STREET REAR LANE MAESTEG**

Members of the Public' concerns regarding the hazardous bramble, overgrown hedges and plants at the above location referred to Highways.

**RESPONSE:** An order has been placed to undertake the removal. Work has commenced.

- **BLOCKED WATER GULLY LOCATION TUDOR ESTATE**

Welsh Water has advised that a blocked surface water gully at the above location was attended to; however, the issue is found to be a blocked council owned gulley. Referred to Valleys to Coast to address the problem and make good.

## **124 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

### **CAERAU COMMUNITY GROWERS**

The Clerk advised that Account information had been received from the above.

**RESOLVED:** That the Council donate the sum of £200 under Section 127 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

## **125 MAESTEG CEMETERY**

Following a report presented to Council of a meeting held with Mr P Beaman of Bridgend County Borough Council regarding Maesteg

### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) With regard to the security of the cemeteries, Members agreed that the preferred option would be to open and close each day. Council confirmed that Mr Geraint James, and in his absence Mr David James, of Llys Marmor, Cemetery Road, Maesteg, CF34 0DN, do this on behalf of Maesteg Town Council at a cost of £125 per month with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.
- (ii) That the Clerk write to BCBC accepting their offer of supplying the necessary locks/keys, chains, together with appropriate signage to advise members of the public that the cemeteries would be opened and locked at certain times.
- (iii) Council agreed to consider at their precept meeting, when the 2018/2019 budget will be discussed, the employment of a contractor to work alongside the BCBC Cemetery Team.
- (iv) The Clerk to write to the Mr P Beaman to request the following information:
  - number of cuts the BCBC team will undertake and timescale of number of recommended cuts by contractor
  - a list of bona fide contractors for the Council to go out for tender before the Precept meeting

## **126 DELEGATES REPORTS**

Members confirmed receipt of a report from Cllr P W Jenkins on the Town and Community Council Forum meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

127 **PLANS**

Ref: P/17/506/FUL  
Proposal: Raise roof to rear extension & elevation alterations  
Applicant: Domek Property Limited  
Location: 44 Ivor Street Maesteg CF34 9AH

Ref: P/17/496/RLX  
Proposal: Vary condition 1 of P/12/655/FUL to able soft play facility.  
Applicant: Dan Shearan  
Location: Tyle Teg Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate Maesteg.

**RESOLVED:** That the above Planning Applications be supported.

**Read and accepted at a meeting  
of the Council held on  
5th September 2017**

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**Mayor**