

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council** held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 3rd October 2017.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES for absence received from Councillors G Bevan, R L Lewis, P White and S B Smith.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllrs D K Edwards, R Penhale-Thomas, 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.

168 POLICE MATTERS

PCSOs, Julie Banks and Gareth Stoneham were welcomed to the meeting.

Crime Figures

Crime statistics were presented to the Members for the month of September 2017, comparing them to the crimes committed in the various categories for 2016.

CRIME STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	4	0	0	0	4
Burglary other	0	1	2	0	3
Theft of vehicle	0	0	1	0	1 (secure)
Theft from vehicle	0	0	1	0	1 (secure)
All other theft	1	5	14	0	20
Damage	1	2	6	0	9
Assault with injury	13	4	11	1	29
All crime total	19	12	35	1	67
Anti-social behaviour	11	6	13	1	31
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

PCSO J Banks confirmed that the following concerns of the Council were being addressed:

- **Town Centre antisocial behaviour:**

PCSOs regularly patrol this area and speak to the young people and advise them of the consequences of continued antisocial behaviour; Schools visited and this issue discussed; certain parents contacted.

- **Dangerous parking of vehicles, especially at night time, at the junctions off Bridgend Road and Heol Faen, causing obstruction:**

Continued to be monitored; fixed penalty notices can be served on the guilty individuals, if they do not comply to the advice given.

- **Excessive speeding;**

- Bridgend Road; Garth Inn location.
- St Michael's Road, West Ward; (including early hours of the morning, speeding and excessive noise problems).

Speed scoping exercises being arranged. Advised that with Health and Safety rules, Officers have to wear the High Vis Jackets; therefore, potential offenders of speeding have the chance to slow down. Very difficult situation. Ongoing concerns will be reported to the Inspector and Sergeant.

- **Dangerous parking Ewenny Road :**

Resolved.

- **Metcalf Street, parking issues:**

Discussions with Highways, BCBC; Caerau PCSOs to continue to monitor.

- **Park View:**

Confirmed letters had been sent to residents.

- **Oakwood Drive:**

Extra traffic measures introduced.

- **Church Place:**

Continuing problems at this location; monitoring ongoing.

- **Zoar Avenue:**

Parking problems for residents and businesses at this location – members of the public using this location to park for local shopping.

Very difficult to enforce; however, will continue to monitor and check vehicle details.

Residents should be encouraged to report incidents as they occur by ringing 101; however, emergency still ring 999.

Members were reminded that any issues or incidents of concern needed to be reported immediately . The Clerk having the contact numbers.

The ongoing concerns will be reported to the Inspector and Sergeant.

RESOLVED:

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

169 MAYOR'S REPORT

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

- Cllr L Beedle, Deputy Mayor, attended the Porthcawl Town Council Civic Service, 10th September, on behalf of the Mayor.
- Mayor's Charity Group meeting, 11th September.
- Noteworthy Concert , 15th September.
- Bridgend County Borough Council Civic Service 17th September.
- Bridgend Town Council Civic Service, 24th September.
- Pencoed Town Council Civic Service, 1st October.

RESOLVED: To note the Mayor's report.

170 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5th September 2017; together with Minutes of the Project Committee held on the 12th September 2017; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read and accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

**171 MINUTE 146
OPEN SPACES SOCIETY
ENJOYING ACCESS TO THE
OUTDOORS IN WALES**

Mr R Meredith recommended that the Council support the proposals and objections contained in the above Consultation document; copy of Mr R Meredith's report available for Members' information.
Response returned by the due date.

RESOLVED:

- (i) Grateful thanks to Mr R Meredith for compiling the response.
- (ii) To note and confirm the action of the Clerk.

172 MINUTE 149

WELSH GOVERNMENT PAPER CONSULTATION
“SERVICES FIT FOR THE FUTURE”

Cllr W May recommended to Council that they support the views and objections of the Community Health Councils of Wales; documentation available for Members’ information. The response was sent to Wales Government by the due date 29th September 2017 by the Clerk, as instructed by the Mayor.

Members, having considered the documentation relating to “Services Fit for the Future”, the recommendations of Cllr W May and actions of the His Worship the Mayor and Clerk the Council

RESOLVED:

To confirm:

- (i) The recommendations of Cllr W May.
- (ii) The actions taken by the Mayor and the Clerk.

173 MINUTE 152

HIGHWAY MEETING BRIDGE STREET/CASTLE STREET

Members were advised that a Site meeting had been held recently with the Highways Officer, Bridgend County Borough Council, to address the issue of vision of traffic at the junction at Bridge Street with Castle Street. Pedestrians were experiencing extreme difficulty crossing this location due to the volume of the three way traffic. Cllr I Williams, Mayor, Cllr K Edwards and Cllr P Jenkins attended. The Highway Officer, having surveyed the area, agreed there was a problem at this location and there was a need for a feasibility study to be undertaken.

RESOLVED: To await recommendations from the Highways Officer, Bridgend County Borough Council

174 **MINUTE 155**
REFERRALS MONTH OF AUGUST 2017

Members were updated with regard to the fly tipping and rodent situation at the location of Commercial Street and Llynfi Lane. It was noted that Bridgend County Borough, having investigated, had identified the residents involved in the fly tipping. With regard to the rodent infestation, the areas had been baited.

Members of the Council discussed the current situation of the continuing problems of “refuse collection” within the Town; the Clerks referring numerous problems to the Recycling Department, Bridgend County Borough Council. Advised that the problems were being rectified and the referrals would be addressed within ten days.

RESOLVED: To note the information and await developments.

175 **MINUTE 158**
FIRST BUS

Letter received from “First Bus” regarding the planned road closure in Garth, advising that the “70” service will operate via Talbot Street, Bethania Street, turning left and join Oakwood Drive, right onto Ewenny Road joining Bridgend Road to continue normal service.

A risk assessment has been carried out and this was the safest alternative route. This option means that only two bus stops will be missed out. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: To note the information.

176 **MINUTE 165**
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Letters received from People First Bridgend and Caerau All Whites Football Club acknowledging receipt and thanking the Council for the donations.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

177 **MINUTE 167**
BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN AND
COMMUNITY FUND 2017/2018

The Clerk advised that the application for grant funding for the Puffin Crossing Project, Neath Road, Maesteg, had been completed and sent by the due date. The approximate project cost, based on the previous Feasibility Study/quotation received from BCBC, is approximately £52,000; therefore, the grant applied for is the maximum of £20,000. If application accepted a Feasibility Study will be undertaken by the Highways Department, Bridgend County Borough and costings sought.

During discussion, it was identified and confirmed that this location was being increasingly used for access to Maesteg Community Hospital. Discussion had taken place with the Highways Department, Bridgend County Borough Council, who had confirmed that this was a feasible project. Clarification of the siting of the proposed Crossing was confirmed.

RESOLVED: To confirm the action of the Mayor and Clerk.

178 **LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

CORRESPONDENCE

179 **CONDOLENCE**

Letter sent to Cllr White, sending the Councils condolences in the recent loss of his Father and Mother-in-law.

RESOLVED: To confirm action taken.

180 AFAN ARGOED VOLUNTEERS

Letter received from a resident advising that the group of volunteers with Afan Argoed Museum have been awarded by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth for their outstanding work and requesting that Council give some recognition to this Group for their outstanding voluntary work and achievements.

RESOLVED: To invite representatives of Afan Argoed Museum to the next meeting to present them with the Council's official Coat of Arms.

181 KIDNEY WALES

A message of thanks received from Kidney Wales for the Council's continued support.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

182 BAVO

The Bavo Autumn 2017 Newsletter, together with a Special Edition Newsletter, regarding the history of the NHS, received; copies available for members on request.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

183 ONE VOICE WALES – AGM /MOTIONS 2017

Information on the proposed motions, together with booking form and costs received from One Voice Wales.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

184 PLAY WALES

The Play Wales Summer 2017 publication is available for members' information.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

185 PLAY WALES – 2017 WORKSHOPS

Copy of the above available for members' information.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

186 COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE AWARDS 2017

The Countryside Alliance Awards, also known as the 'Rural Oscars', are the rural business awards to win, and give a voice and platform to the best of our produce, enterprise, heritage and communities and we would like you to get involved to help generate nominations and support your local businesses.

The Rural Oscars are diverse, highly coveted and a great morale boost to those in the running. They were borne of a desire to give a voice and a platform to rural businesses and to acknowledge the efforts of thousands of unsung heroes who routinely go above and beyond the call of duty for their communities. The Countryside Alliance had long felt the many "doom and gloom" tales of rural decline in the media did not accurately reflect the spirit of rural people and their desire to protect our landscapes and communities for future generations.

Nominated by the public, the Awards recognise and honour those who routinely go the extra mile for their community. Nominations are open from now until 13 November 2017. Winners will be announced in Spring 2018 at the grand final at the House of Lords.

The five categories being:

- **Local Food/Drink** - Have they put the community on the map via the quality and diversity of local produce being sold?
- **Village Shop/ Post Office** – Are they the cornerstone of the village and breathed life into the community and local economy?
- **Butcher** - Is traditional butchery at the heart of the enterprise or have they brought a modern twist to this ancient skill?
- **Rural Enterprise** - Is this business a growing asset to its community and making a real contribution?

- **Pub** - Would winning this competition reward a really special enterprise and tell a positive story about rural life while championing local food and drink?

RESOLVED: Members to advise the Clerk of any businesses that meet the criteria for nomination.

187 HEALTH & WELBEING CENTRE

Are holding a Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday 8th December, at the Health & Wellbeing Centre, Harshorn House in aid of His Worship the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council' three chosen charities. Further information available for members.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

188 REMEMBER TOGETHER – MAKING PLANS FOR REMEMBRANCE 2017

There are just eight weeks left to apply for community funding, and applications for our top tier funding (up to £200) will soon close. Apply now for funding to explore and commemorate the Labour Corps and Passchendaele at Home servicemen with your local communities this year.

Teachers can now also access our new First World War-focused modern foreign languages resource pack with unique and creative cross-curricular activities to explore Passchendaele at Home in the classroom, created in partnership with British Council Schools. Further information available for members.

RESOLVED: That the information be forwarded to the Maesteg Branch of the British Legion and to the Schools within the Town.

189 SANDVILLE SELF HELP CENTRE

Newsletter received. Information available for members.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

190 BRIDGEND CARERS CENTRE

Newsletter received. Information available for members.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

**191 AWEN CULTURAL TRUST – MAESTEG TOWN HALL
ADVISORY GROUP**

E-mail received organising a group meeting on Monday, 9th October 2017 at 6pm, the relevant delegates have been informed.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

**192 CHRIS ELMORE – OCTOBER SURGERIES & TRIP TO
PARLIAMENT**

List of surgery dates are available for member's information.

Trip to Parliament is planned for Tuesday 28th November 2017. The trip includes a tour of Parliament and free time for Christmas Shopping. Cost of trip is £25.00 per person; contact the Clerk for further information.

RESOLVED: To note the information. Members to advise the Clerk of interest in attending the proposed trip.

193 CREATION OF A NATURE GROUP

E-mails received from a young resident from the Nantyllyllon area of Maesteg, requesting a creation of a nature group, including litter picking and planting flowers etc. The Clerk forwarded the request to the Chair of Llynfi Valley River & Environment Group and Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park, requesting their assistance. In response to this, an e-mail received from the Community Regeneration Officer for V2C advising of their support and that they had corresponded directly to the parents and young person.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

194 ST DAVID AWARDS 2017

The national awards of Wales St David Awards are the national awards of Wales and are nominated for by the public.

They recognise the outstanding achievements of different people from both in, and outside of Wales. These awards demonstrate that this country is a vibrant, innovative and confident nation, which values its people above all else. Nominations requested for the following categories: Bravery, Citizenship, Culture, Enterprise, Innovation, Science and Technology, International, Sport and Young Person. Further information available for members.

RESOLVED: To note the information. Members to advise the Clerk of prospective nominations.

195 ORDINANCE SURVEY – CONFERENCES

The Clerk advised members of forthcoming Conferences being arranged by AGI Cymru. These Regional events are an opportunity to engage and share information/knowledge with others.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

196 REFERRALS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2017

- **RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS**

During the past month the Clerks are still receiving several complaints with regards to the Waste and Recycling. That residents have still not received their recycling boxes/bags etc. And that their rubbish is not being collected at all. Refuse being dumped has also been reported.

RESPONSE: Being addressed and to allow at least 10 days for delivery. Non-collected rubbish/dumped is being reported and the issues will be dealt with.

- **STREET LIGHTING**

Confirmation received that the street lighting in Barnardo Street, Nantyffyllon, being attended to. Order issued for repairs to take place.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

197 ROAD CLOSURE

(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) (HIGH STREET NANTYFFYLLON) ORDER 2017

NOTICE RECEIVED that the Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) intends in not less than 7 days from the date of this Notice to make an Order which will temporarily close that length of High street from its junction of Bangor street, south for approximately 20 meters. The Order is necessary as there is insufficient width of carriageway to maintain vehicular access during works being done in carriageway on a cover and is in the interest of public safety. The Order will come into force on the 1st October 2017 and it is anticipated will be operative on 0800 to 1800 on 1st October 2017 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months or until the works are completed whichever is the sooner. The restriction shall however only apply at such time and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs prescribed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016. The alternative route is from High street to junction of Bangor Street, Picton Place, Heol Tywith, Coegnant Road, Hermon road, Caerau Square, Navigation Terrace, Dyffryn Road, Tonna Road, Piction Street and reverse in the opposite direction. Access for emergency vehicles and pedestrians will be maintained.

RESOLVED: To note information.

198 **PROPOSED PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER RESTRICTED
BYWAY 76, MAESTEG**

The Rights of Way Officer, Bridgend County Borough Council has advised an application has been received to divert part of Restricted Byway 76, Maesteg, map attached.

The diversion has been requested by Mr Kennedy, the landowner, on the ground that the diversion would remove the Restricted Byway from the working farm yard at Ffos Farm, Maesteg, where there are currently two field gates along the route. The proposed alternative route provides an easier route to use as it is free of any gates. Although the proposed new route already exists any additional works required by the Council to enhance the new route once the Order is confirmed will be undertaken by the landowner.

The route that is proposed to be diverted commences at Point A, as shown on the plan attached, and proceeds in an east south-easterly direction to Point B, continuing in a general south south-westerly direction to Point C. The total length of the route to be diverted is 74 metres.

The alternative route/proposed diversion route commences at Point A, and proceeds in a south south-westerly direction to Point D, it then continues in an east south-easterly direction to Point E, before continuing in a general south easterly direction to join with the current alignment of Bridleway 76 Maesteg and Footpath 36A Maesteg at Point C. The approximate length of the proposed diversion is 69 metres. Observation required on this proposal by 26th October 2017.

Advice had been sought from Mr R Meredith.

RESOLVED: To support the Diversion. However:

- (1) the Landowner must adhere to the specification of the order stipulated by Bridgend County Borough Council and to the relevant regulations – Highways Act 1980, Section 119.
- (2) The proposed closing route remains open for path users until completion of the new route.
- (3) To request confirmation of the timescale of construction of the new route.

199 OCTOBER TRAINING SESSIONS – ONE VOICE WALES

Documentation received from One Voice Wales giving details of training sessions taking place in or around our area.

- Module 17 – Making Effective Grant Applications
- Module 7 – Health & Safety (Bridgend)
- Module 5 – The Council Meeting
- New Councillor Induction
- Health & Safety (Swansea)

The cost of each training session is £45 per person for non-members. Further details available for member's information.

RESOLVED: Information noted.

200 TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLERKS MEETING

Deputy Clerk, Mrs Sian Teisar, attended the Town and Community Clerks' Meeting on 21st September 2017 at the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Angel Street. The following agenda was discussed.

1. Updates from Town and Community Clerks since the Local Government Elections
2. Update from Head of Democratic Services
3. Suggested Items for the next/future Town and Community Council Forum.
4. Presentation from Chief Inspector Jason Herbert, South Wales Police, entitled "Adverse Childhood Experiences".

RESOLVED: Information noted. To await Minutes of the meeting.

201 MINE WATER DRILLING, BREWERS SITE, BLAENCAERAU ROAD, CAERAU.

Concerns raised by residents regarding drilling at the above site. Enquiries made with BCBC.

Confirmation received that a meeting had been held with residents, together with Caerau' members, to reassure them on the proposed exploratory drilling.

E-mails received from Cllr P Davies, Cllr G Howells and the Skills & Sustainable Development Manager, Communities Directorate, on the proposed drilling work.

Confirmation received from the Development and Building Control Manager that the Sustainable Development Team is involved with this Scheme for community heating and that they are only carrying out investigatory/survey work to ascertain if the mine water is of sufficient quality/temperature to use as a heating resource. This temporary exploratory stage does not require planning permission. Residents have been advised of this and will be notified if a planning application is submitted in the future.

Members noted the information contained in the various e-mails received from Officers of Bridgend County Borough regarding this project. Discussion ensued and various points of concern highlighted. With regard to the residents' concerns on possible affect to their properties, the Clerk was asked to request clarification if appropriate insurance cover is in place.

RESOLVED: To support the residents' concerns and to await a progress report.

202 RECYCLING - COLLECTION OF "PURPLE BAGS"

Letter received from a resident of John Street, Nantyffyllon, complaining and very concerned that collections had not taken place despite the many complaints and reminders to the Recycling Department, Kier. County Borough Councillors also advised and assured the resident that this would be attended to as a matter of urgency. To date not picked up. The Clerk forwarded the letter of concern to Kier for their attention. Members confirmed that this was an ongoing problem throughout the Town.

RESOLVED: To confirm the action of the Clerk.

203 COMMUNITY FURNITURE AID

Information received from the Secretary of Community Furniture Aid, a small registered Charity that is operating in the area. They provide furniture & household items to people who are moving on from homelessness into empty rented accommodation. An award winning

community based charity providing "packs" that consists of all of the items people need when starting over after they have been homeless. From beds & bedding to a full array of kitchen items right through to living room items to fully furnish a home and whenever possible provide a fresh food parcel. Starting at only £70 this is an affordable option for those who are the most vulnerable & poorest in our society including Social Services, SSFA, the Wallich, Womens Aid & Gofal. On average 100 homes are fully furnished each year, making over 300 collections & assisting over 800 individuals. Working throughout Bridgend County and neighbouring areas; all being unpaid volunteers.

The organisation requests the opportunity to come and talk to Council to advise on what they do, who they help, how people can get involved with their activities and their role in the community.

To find out more about what they do visit the website at www.cfa.cymru facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CFA.community.furniture.aid/> & Twitter @vintagevalleys

RESOLVED: To note the information and invite representative of the Organisation to the next meeting.

204 CONGRATULATIONS

1. Mr & Mrs G Jenkins celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary in September 2017. The Mayor and Consort visited with a bouquet of flowers and presented them with the Council's official congratulations card. Cost borne out of Part B of the Mayor's Allowance.
2. Mr & Mrs P Johnson celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary in September 2017. A bouquet of flowers and the Council's official congratulations card was sent to them. Cost borne out of Part B of the Mayor's Allowance.
3. Mr & Mrs P Walsh celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in September 2017. A bouquet of flowers and the Council's official congratulations card was sent to them. Cost borne out of Part B of the Mayor's Allowance.

RESOLVED: The Council confirmed the above actions.

205 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

SANDVILLE COURT

Letter received from Sandville Court, requesting financial assistance towards, the help of running residents of the Llynfi Valley to and from Sandville Court.

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

BRIDGEND CARERS CENTRE

Letter received from Bridgend Carers Centre. They are a registered charity based in Bridgend. They provide information and support to unpaid carers within the Bridgend County Borough, including Maesteg. Many carers often find themselves in isolating caring situations which has a major impact on their own health. The Carers Centre allows them to access support in various ways – to receive information, have access to carers groups and one to one support. To have the opportunity for days out, walks, exercise and social events, to give the carers a well-earned break and to look after their own health and wellbeing. In addition we provide training and access to legal and benefits surgeries. They already work with Llynfi and Woodland Surgeries to raise awareness of the caring role.

RESOLVED:

- (1) The Council donate the sum of £100 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).
- (2) To request that they raise awareness of this caring role in the Bron-y-Garn Surgery, Maesteg.

206 DELEGATES' REPORTS

Armed Forces Meet and Greet Day Civic Offices, Bridgend, 14th September 2017

Report received from Cllr P W Jenkins and circulated to Members; relating to the above meeting.

RESOLVED: Members confirmed receipt and noted the information.

207 PLANS

Ref: A/17/36/ADV
Proposal: 1 no Fascia sign and 1 no hanging sign
Applicant: Specsavers
Location: 3 Talbot Street Maesteg CF34 9BT

Ref: A/17/31/ADV
Proposal: Retention of existing signs, proposed new signage and illumination
Applicant: Garn Stores
Location: 46a Garn Road Maesteg CF34 9AT

Ref: P/17/753/FUL (Amended proposal)
Proposal: Dormer.to front to create lounge, first floor flat roof rear extension with Juliet balcony; remove conservatory and construct side extension with roof terrace above.
Applicant: Mr Williams
Location: St Annes Bungalow, Llwydarth Road, Maeseg, CF34 9EU

RESOLVED: That the above Planning Applications be supported.

**Read and accepted at a meeting
of the Council held on
7th November 2017**

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Mayor