

## **MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES** for absence received from Councillors G Bevan, P W Jenkins, S B Smith and A R Davies.

#### **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.

#### **258 POLICE MATTERS**

Sgt Bradley was welcomed to the meeting.

##### **Crime Figures**

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

Maesteg Crime Statistics for November 2017

|                              | <b>Caerau /<br/>Nanty</b> | <b>Maesteg<br/>East</b> | <b>Maesteg<br/>West</b> | <b>Llan</b> | <b>Total in<br/>category</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Robbery</b>               | 1                         | 0                       | 1                       | 0           | <b>2</b>                     |
| <b>Dwelling burglary</b>     | 2                         | 1                       | 0                       |             | <b>3</b>                     |
| <b>Burglary other</b>        | 2                         | 0                       | 2                       | 0           | <b>4</b>                     |
| <b>Theft of vehicle</b>      | 0                         | 0                       | 0                       | 0           | 0                            |
| <b>Theft from vehicle</b>    | 1                         | 2                       | 0                       | 3           | <b>6</b>                     |
| <b>All other theft</b>       | 1                         | 2                       | 9                       | 1           | <b>13</b>                    |
| <b>Damage</b>                | 4                         | 4                       | 10                      | 0           | <b>18</b>                    |
| <b>Assault with injury</b>   | 6                         | 5                       | 7                       | 1           | <b>19</b>                    |
|                              |                           |                         |                         |             |                              |
| <b>All crime total</b>       | <b>17</b>                 | <b>14</b>               | <b>29</b>               | <b>5</b>    | <b>65</b>                    |
| <b>Anti-social behaviour</b> | 18                        | 13                      | 13                      | 1           | <b>45</b>                    |
| <b>Drink Driving</b>         | 0                         | 0                       | 0                       | 0           | <b>0</b>                     |

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| <b>Dwelling burglary</b>     | 5          | 0               | 3               | 2        | <b>10</b>   |
| <b>Burglary other</b>        | 2          | 4               | 7               | 0        | <b>13</b>   |
| <b>Theft of vehicle</b>      | 1          | 0               | 1               | 0        | <b>2</b> (1xmotorcycle, 1xcar<br>stolen using key stolen in<br>A separate incident) |
| <b>Theft from vehicle</b>    | 2          | 0               | 3               | 1        | <b>6</b> (4xsecure, 2xinsecure)   |
| <b>All other theft</b>       | 6          | 9               | 8               | 1        | <b>24</b>   |
| <b>Damage</b>                | 9          | 4               | 7               | 0        | <b>20</b>   |
| <b>Assault with injury</b>   | 1          | 2               | 1               | 3        | <b>7</b>  |
|                              |            |                 |                 |          |   |
| <b>All crime total</b>       | <b>26</b>  | <b>19</b>       | <b>30</b>       | <b>7</b> | <b>82</b>   |
| <b>Anti-social behaviour</b> | 15         | 17              | 12              | 7        | <b>51</b>   |
| <b>Drink Driving</b>         | 0          | 0               | 0               | 0        | <b>0</b>  |

**The following was discussed:**

- Robbery, High Street, Nantyllyllon.  
*Offender reprimanded and charged with five offences.*
- Commercial burglaries  
*Offender in custody.*
- Parking Issues:
  - Parking within side streets off Bridgend Road and across the whole of the Valley.
  - Parking closely to junctions
  - Parking on pavements – causing danger to members of the public having to step out onto the main road

*Sgt Bradley confirmed this is a constant problem which officers and PCSOs are trying to resolve. Residents are spoken to, if persistent, followed up by letters; if ignored fixed penalty notices issued. Continued to be monitored and addressed.*

- Enforcement Issues

Councillor White advised that the Local Authority has an element of responsibility for enforcement; however, major obstructions are being experienced due to the local Police Force stepping in.

*Sgt Bradley acknowledged the concern. Parking problems are an issue throughout the Borough. Members were advised of the laws on enforcement with regard to parking. He understood the concerns of Maesteg Town Council. In the New Year he would arrange a meeting with BCBC to address this issue and a plan of action to be drawn up to try to alleviate the problems. Members were in favour of this.*

## **259 MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Events and meetings attended during the month of November 2017:**

- Service of Remembrance Llangynwyd Middle Community
- Service at the Cenotaph Maesteg 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- Armistice Service St Michael's Church followed by Service at the Cenotaph Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017
- Murder Mystery Production Workmen's Club
- Paul Robson Concert Town Hall
- Bridgend Male Voice Choir and supporting artists – Our Lady & St Patrick's Church, Maesteg
- Visited Mr & Mrs Davies celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.
- Attended Mayor's Charity meeting.

- Accepted an invite to attend Kidwelly Christmas Carnival (unable to attend); Past Mayor attended on my behalf.
- Judged shop Window Displays throughout the Town Centre on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December – Winner Hair-vn.
- Attended the “Blessing of the Crib” service, Llynfi Valley of Churches.
- Joined in the Christmas Parade and Switching on of the lights Town Centre with the winner of the Poster Competition – Gracie Dixon.
- Presentation of the Council’s trophy and Certificate to the Manager of Hair-vn; winner of the Christmas shop window competition, together with presenting the three runners-up with certificates; Valley Framing, Daisy Boos and Extending Lengths.

**260 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read and accepted as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**261 MINUTE 214**

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

Awaiting official response from BCBC regarding their decision to reject the Council’s application.

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2018/19**

Letter received from the Community Asset Transfer Officer, referring to the letter issued by the Skills and Sustainable Development Manager on 11 August 2017, confirming the intention of Bridgend County Borough Council to focus future capital funding through the Town & Community Council Fund on bids that support Community Asset Transfer, and the recognition of the support and contribution that town and community councils can continue to make to sustaining local assets.

It is confirmed that match funding of £100k will be available to support projects in 2018/19 and that this information is disclosed early to enable town and community councils to include potential projects into precept discussions.

Conditions of funding are available and the deadline for submitting completed applications is **21<sup>st</sup> February 2018**.

Bridgend County Borough Council encourages town and community councils to submit applications and assistance is available.

**2017/2018 BCBC TOWN AND COMMUNITY FUND:**

A discussion ensued on the criteria for the 2017/2018 application. It was confirmed that the following clause was included in the criteria

“that any projects **should ideally** be linked to BCBC Asset Management Plan3021 (CAT Policy)”

As Maesteg Town Council had no ownership of assets transferred or plans of ownership going forward this criteria could not apply. The Project Committee took into consideration all other criteria presented. Only one suggestion had been proposed by a Member which was to re-surface the lane that runs behind Brynmawr Place from Gladstone Street to Port Terrace; however, as this was an un-adopted lane, it was felt to accept this would set a precedent for all lanes to be repaired. Therefore, due to the short timescale to apply for this grant, members of the Project Committee agreed to recommend to Council to put forward a project which had been suggested in 2016/2017, the Road Safety Project – Puffin Crossing, Neath Road, Maesteg. This had been agreed and costed by BCBC Highways.

The question was asked why consideration was not given to supporting the Maesteg Welfare Park and Caerau Welfare Park with regard to their Pavilions; response that this did not meet the criteria of the Community Asset Transfer guidelines; the Council would have to take over, have a business plan and maintain these buildings; the Council could not apply to support Groups who showed interest in taking over these buildings .

Members were advised that Maesteg Town Council had actively pursued CAT on many occasions. Letter had been written to BCBC and the Director of Communities, Mark Shephard, attended a meeting of Council

giving a presentation on the CAT guidelines. The Council requested the Director to identify priorities for Maesteg Town Council to consider; to date no response.

**2018/2019 BCBC TOWN AND COMMUNITY FUND:**

**RESOLVED:** That Members submit proposed projects to apply for the above funding to the Clerk by Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018; the Project Committee on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to discuss and make recommendations to Council for discussion at the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Copies of the criteria and CAT Guidance documentation to be sent to Councillors.

**262 MINUTE 220**

**RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**MAESTEG STREET NAMING COMPETITION**

Letter received from Bridgend County Borough Council requesting Council's consideration of proposed street name and building name for the above development.

The developer held a competition to propose some suggestions for the name of the extra care home and the street for the above project on behalf of Linc Cymru. The suggestions received have a good/local link to the former school, and the Council is requested to consider the proposals.

The suggestions are:

Building: Tŷ Llwynderw (Llwynderw House)

Street : Cae'r Oen (Lamb Field)

Members were advised that the residential development was being undertaken on the "School Field" not the "Lamb Field"; therefore, it was agreed that the Street name should be "Cae'r Ysgol".

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk to confirm to Bridgend County Borough Council the Council's suggestion of "Cae'r Ysgol".

**263** **MINUTE 227**  
**LOCAL DEMOCRACY**  
**& BOUNDARY COMMISSION BRIEFING**

At the last meeting Members were asked to review the revised proposals, information on the Commission's Website; suggestions for discussion at the December 2017 meeting.

E-mail received from Planning & Electoral Services Team Manager, BCBC, advising that the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission will soon be writing to Council directly to invite Councillors to attend a briefing session they are holding in the Civic Offices Chamber, at 5.30pm on the 9th January 2018. The purpose of their address is to make Councillors aware of the proposed changes to political boundaries in this area. Further information will be provided in their letter.

It was important that Councillors are aware of the proposed changes.

The Clerk confirmed that the official letter from the Local Democracy & Boundary Commission had not been received.

**RESOLVED:**

(1) As agreed in the previous meeting the Mayor to attend as the Council's delegate.

**264** **MINUTE 240**  
**BRIDGEND ROAD GARTH**

Further documentation received from BCBC confirming the temporary road closure between 21<sup>st</sup> November and 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017.

Letter received from Morganstone notifying of drainage works and Temporary Road Closure with effect from 27<sup>th</sup> November to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

Documentation available for Members' information.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.



265 **MINUTE 244**  
**MAESTEG WELFARE PARK**  
**INSTALLATION OF RE-CYCLED BENCHES**

Letter of thanks received from the Friends of the Maesteg Welfare Park for the Council's support of installing the four re-cycled benches; an enhancement for the users of the Park.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

266 **MINUTE 248**  
**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – 2017**

(i) Confirmation required of the Mayor's decision that the surrounding area of the Caerau Cenotaph be cleared and cut-back and the seats repaired by the Council's contractor; due to BCBC not undertaking this work. Photographs available for Members' information of the location "before" and the location "after" the work undertaken and completed for Remembrance Sunday.

**RESOLVED:** Council confirmed the action of the Mayor and cost to be borne out of the Environment Capital Expenditure Budget.

(ii) Messages and e-mail received from local residents conveying their thanks and gratitude to the Council; such a much needed improvement and respect for the Memorial to those who had died in the Wars.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

(iii) Letter received from the Maesteg Branch of the British Legion thanking the Council for allowing them to use the Council Offices for the 2017 Poppy Appeal and distribution of wreaths. As in previous years, again a contributory factor in the success of the Maesteg Poppy Appeal.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

267 **MINUTE 252**  
**PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE PROJECT CAERAU WARD**

E-mail received from Councillor P Davies advising that Highways Department, BCBC, had confirmed that the Pedestrian Crossing upgrade on Caerau Square was feasible and costings for different options would be available in due course. A further meeting with Highways had been arranged.

**RESOLVED:** To await developments.

**268** **MINUTE 256**  
**REVIEW OF TOWN AND COMMUNITY CHARTER**

As indicated in the report received from Cllr P W Jenkins a response was required on the report of the Corporate Director, Operational and Partnership Services regarding “Review of the Town & Community Council’s Charter”; document circulated to members.

An e-mail received from the Directorate advising that the report identifies some changes are required and requesting proposals and comments from Town and Community Councils.

A copy of an e-mail received from Ynysawdre Community Council advising BCBC “Members took a vote of no confidence in the TCC Charter”.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**269** **MINUTES 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

Added to the Minutes:

**“Mayor’s Report** - Events and meetings attended during the month of October 2017”.

**RESOLVED:** Council confirmed addition.

This item amended to:

**“PLANS**

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

The following plans were discussed:

P/17/839/FUL, P17/838/FUL,  
P/17/795/FUL, P17/843/FUL,  
P/17/850/FUL, P17/510/OUT,  
P/17/828/FUL

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

**RESOLVED:** Council confirmed amendment.

**270 LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2017**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**271 CELEBRATION OF 70<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

The Mayor and Mayoress, on behalf of the Council, visited Mr & Mrs V Davies on the celebration of their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. The official Council's congratulation card and voucher was presented to the couple.

It was noted that the couple had received a congratulation card in Welsh from Her Majesty the Queen.

**RESOLVED:** Members confirmed action of the Mayor.

**272 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES MAESTEG 2017**

The Clerk had sent to Members' confirmation of the above event to be held on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017; together with requesting the various support required.

**RESOLVED:** Members confirmed Clerk's action.

**273 PRECEPT REQUEST FOR 2018/19 – MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL**

Letter received from Head of Finance, BCBC, regarding the above.

The provisional equivalent tax base for Maesteg Town has been calculated as 5,515.32.

The Community / Town Council precept is required by no later than 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in order that it can be incorporated into the Council's budget setting process.

Under the Local Authority (Precepts, Funds Wales) Regulations 1995, it is proposed to pay the 2018/19 Community Council's Precept by lump sum payment by bank transfer on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) To re-arrange Council Meeting to Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- (ii) A Special Meeting of Council to be held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chambers.

**274 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO COMMENCE SECTIONS 52, 53 and SCHEDULE 6 OF THE PLANNING (WALES) ACT 2015**

The principle for reforming the registration of land as a town or village green (TVG) in Wales has already been established through Part 8 of the [Planning \( Wales\) Act 2015 \[2015 Act\]](#) which sets out amendments to the Commons Act 2006 [2006 Act]. The society successfully campaigned to ensure the restrictions were less severe than those introduced in England.

When sections 52,53, and Schedule 6 of the [2015 Act](#) are commenced it will not be possible to apply to register land as a TVG where a planning application has been determined or where a development consent order has been made. There will be new powers to enable landowners to deposit a notice with their local authority to bring to an end any right of recreational use. However, it will still be possible to apply, if the TVG criteria can be satisfied, to register land within a specified period.

As may have been seen from the society's recent ezine, the Welsh Government has recently launched a [consultation](#) which is concerned only with the regulations needed to bring the provisions of the 2015 Act into force. It is a technical consultation solely about the content of the proposed regulations.

To submit comments for consideration, prior to the submission of the OSS response, please send in by **15 December 2017**. To submit your own response, the closing date is **2 February 2018**.

**RESOLVED:** Information noted.

**275 GARTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Councillors D K Edwards and W May declared an interest in this item.

Following a successful funding application to Welsh Government earlier this year, the Council was awarded a total of £110,500 to deliver cycle parking facilities at the following schools in the current financial year:

Bryntirion Comprehensive;  
Garth Primary;  
Nottage Primary;  
Porthcawl Comprehensive;  
West Park Primary.

A contract for the installation of the cycle parking has been awarded to Centre Great Ltd.

The Garth Primary School scheme will provide:

- Two new cycle shelters with space to store a total of 20 bicycles;
- A new scooter shelter with incorporated scooter storage.

**RESOLVED:** Congratulations extended to Garth Primary School for securing this funding and to note the information.

**276 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN COURT STREET AND UPPER STREET**

A resident complaint of inappropriate vehicles accessing the streets and damaging other vehicles referred to Highways, BCBC, by Cllr D Evans.

The Traffic Management Officer visited the above location. In order to discourage such inappropriate use of the streets by HGVs, 5 road signs would need to be installed to prevent the problem occurring. This would necessitate a sign at the junction of Llynfi Road, a sign at the top of Court Street, a sign at the start of Exchange Street and two signs (one either side) at the Doctors' Surgery in Llynfi Street.

The cost of providing and installing the signs would be approximately £2,000 but unfortunately the authority has no available funding at present.

However, should funding become available from any other source the authority would give due consideration to this request.

Cllr Evans requests this be considered by the Projects Committee.

Members noted the request. It was stated that there were similar highway problems within all the Wards.

A discussion ensued on whether Council should revert to individual Ward Schemes, with each Ward having an agreed equal budget, or Council to continue to propose and agree a major project within the Town. It was agreed that further discussion were required; therefore

**RESOLVED:** To agenda for a future meeting.

**277 WINTER FLOWER PROJECT**

Members noted that Rowan Hobbs has planted the street planters and Garn Road Garden area for the winter season.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**278 BRIDGEND CARERS ASSOCIATION**

Newsletter received. Available for Members' information.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**279 PLANNING FOR COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER**

The above available for Members' information.

**RESOLVED:** Information noted.

**280**    **SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE: limit for 2018-2019**

Council is notified that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2018-19 is £7.86.

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2018-19 will be £7.86 per elector. The amount the Council can raise under Section S137 for 2018-2019 will be available for Members at the forthcoming Precept Meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**281**    **GREENFIELD STREET AND CWMDU STREET TRAFFIC**

An e-mail received from a resident requesting the following:  
“Could you please look into the increased traffic that is now travelling through Greenfield Street and Cwm-du Street, due to the partial road closure of Bridgend Road. Even though there are road signs in place, diverting traffic onto different routes, and stating that it is access for residents only these are being totally ignored and the two streets are being used as a main road, causing stand offs between residents and cars that are trying to get through. These two streets are not wide enough for cars to pass and the two streets are grid locked, especially at times when people are travelling to and from work, more so at 5.30 -6pm. Residents who are actually living in these streets are unable to get near their homes, which is so frustrating. Could it be possible for this to be monitored by the police (PCSOs) as soon as possible. I understand that this work has to be done at Bridgend Road, but surely greater thought should have gone into the concerns of the local residents. We have been informed that after Christmas this disruption will get worse, as the roads of these two streets will be dug up because they are part of the sewerage system for the new houses that are being built at Bridgend Road. I would be grateful for an early reply.”

An in-depth discussion took place on the rightful concerns of the residents, which Council fully supported.

Members of the Public are not adhering to the “diversion signs” , therefore, causing these problems and stress to residents and local business in this area.

Borough Councillors have addressed these problems with the Highways Department, BCBC. The East Ward Borough Councillor had held a site meeting with the Highway Officer and “no access signs” had been erected at this location. However, taxi-drivers and motorists still ignore the signage and persist in using this route.

The Highway Officer and Local Police are aware of these problems and PCSOs continue to monitor.

Work on sewerage systems will continue in the New Year and further road closures will be required. In order to alleviate on-going problems it necessary for the Highways Department, BCBC, to ascertain alternative solutions for forthcoming road closures at this location.

**RESOLVED:** The County Borough members agreed to have discussions with Highways on this issue.

## **282 LLYNFI VALLEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

An invitation to the Mayor and Members of the Council to the Singing of Carols and Pageant in the Market Square on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 at 10.30 am.

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

## **283 REFERRALS MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2017**

### **• RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS**

Several complaints from residents with regards to the Waste and Recycling collections and non-delivery of recycling equipment reported; Immediate responses received that matters being addressed and to allow at least 10 days for delivery for equipment.



- **FLY TIPPING**

Referral made of Fly Tipping in the area of Maesteg Car Park, awaiting response.

Members were advised:

- Kier had presented an up-to-date report to the Scrutiny Committee on re-cycling and waste collections. The majority of problems have been resolved; residents who may have future problems are now encouraged to telephone the main-line system.
- Thanks to the residents for their contribution and continued commitment to re-cycling, the Borough has the highest re-cycling rate in Wales.

## **284 MAJOR TRAUMA NETWORK CONSULTATION**

Views are sought on the proposed recommendation for the development of a single major trauma centre (based in Cardiff) supported by a number of trauma units across South and West Wales and South Powys.

### **Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board Area**

#### **Meetings:**

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017  | Grand Theatre, Swansea         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017  | Gwyn Hall, Neath               |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017 | Princess Royal, Port Talbot    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017 | Bridgend Life Centre, Bridgend |

|              |                   |                         |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Time:</b> | 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm | Public Drop-in Sessions |
|              | 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm | Public Meeting          |

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

## **285 CAERAU WARD** **CONDITION OF PAVEMENTS VICTORIA STREET**

Complaints and concerns received from residents regarding the condition of the pavements in Victoria Street, Caerau; continuing littering of

pavements, including cigarette ends which are also blocking drains; therefore when heavy rain causes minor flooding and could result in injury by residents slipping.

**RESOLVED:** To forward the above concerns to Highway Department, BCBC.

## **286 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS/PARADE/FESTIVITIES**

Several e-mails and messages sent to Council congratulating and thanking the Council for the arranging of this annual event. The consensus was that this year's event again was spectacular.

The Council gratefully thanked the volunteers who organised the Parade, who erected and dismantled the barriers, who, on a rota basis, manned the children's rides in the Market area and to the First Aid team. Their commitment and continued involvement again ensured its success, supported by hundreds of the residents of Maesteg and visitors to the Town.

Members were advised that before the arrival of the Parade, the PCSOs on duty, advised the Clerk that there would be no Police assistance. Immediately, Sgt Bradley was contacted, who confirmed that the Inspector had instructed him that Maesteg Town Council/Highways Department would be managing the "stopping up" of traffic and crowd management. Understanding the situation that was advised to him and that hundreds of people were already in Town, he attended the Town, witnessing the urgency of the situation and immediately arranged for several PCSOs to assist in the stopping up of traffic and a Police Traffic Officer to escort the Parade into Town. Councillors and the Council's volunteers assisted with the crowd management.

Councillor Edwards and the Clerk were advised by Sgt Bradley that in future "stopping up orders" would have to be managed by Maesteg Town Council and arrangements made with Highways/Traffic Management Company.

Following discussion, when Members voiced serious concerns, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the Clerk arrange a meeting, in the New Year, of Members of the Council, the Police Inspector and representatives from the , Highways Department, BCBC, to discuss this situation and to make appropriate plans for next year.
- (ii) To write to the Police Commissioner advising of Members' concerns and requesting Police policy on "stopping up of the Highways".

**287 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**1. CANCER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CISS)**

Request for financial support. Work closely with The Princess of Wales Hospital to ensure individuals receive the support they need to help them live with Cancer. The service is free and confidential and is delivered by a team of experienced staff all of whom are accredited by the British Association of counselling and Psychotherapy. The team is supported by a network of local volunteers. Support patients within Maesteg Town. Full information available Members.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk to request a Balance Sheet.

**2. MAESTEG CANCER RESEARCH ORGANISATION**

The annual request received from the above organisation. Grateful thanks was extended to Maesteg Town Council for the continued commitment and support given. Full information available for Members.

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

**288 Nat.West BANK – MAESTEG BRANCH**

Members voiced their concerns of the announcement made that the Maesteg Branch of Nat.West was to close. The Clerk advised that no formal communication on the closure had been received.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Head Office advising the concerns of Members of the Council and seeking clarification why this decision had been made.

**289 PLANS**

Cllrs R L Penhale-Thomas, K Edwards, 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:

P/17/997/FUL

P/17/927/FUL

P17/983/FUL

P17/911/FUL

No observation to make on the following planning application:

P/17/945/FUL

Former Nantyffyllon Surgery 77 High Street Maesteg CF34 9EY

2 No four bedroom detached dwellings – resubmission of P/16/957/FUL.

**Read and accepted at a meeting  
of the Council held on  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

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**Mayor**

