

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 9th January 2018.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES for absence received from Councillors G Bevan, P W Jenkins, S B Smith and R Penhale-Thomas.

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 and Licensing.

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.

296 POLICE MATTERS

Sgt Bradley was welcomed to the meeting.

Crime Figures

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

Maesteg Crime Statistics for December 2017

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	1	0	1	0	2
Burglary other	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of vehicle	0	0	1	0	1
Theft from vehicle	0	1	0	1	2
All other theft	0	2	8	0	10
Damage	6	1	1	0	8
Assault with injury	5	1	7	0	13
All crime total	12	5	18	1	36
Anti-social behaviour	18	13	13	1	45
Drink Driving	1	1	1	0	3

Maesteg Crime Statistics for November 2017

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

The following was discussed:

- **4x4 and Scrambler motorbikes**

Major concerns were raised of the continual problem with scramblers and 4x4's on the cycle track and bridleway; dangerous to families who use the footpaths due to the speed in which the off roaders are going.

Cllr Lewis advised that he recently witnessed one 4x4 drivers opening the gate with a key. It was noted that these concerns had been passed on to local PCSO Julie Banks, who confirmed that the person was known to the Police.

Sgt Bradley confirmed this is a constant problem which officers and PCSOs are trying to resolve. PCSO Julie Banks is also in the process of contacting all the motorbike clubs within the area to remind them that this behaviour is not acceptable.

- **Parking Issues**

Concerns were again expressed of members of the public parking on the pavements on the junction of Castle Street and Bridge Street making it difficult for drivers to see when exiting from the junction.

Sgt Bradley confirmed this is a constant problem which officers and PCSOs are trying to resolve. South Wales Police have an active "Twitter feed" advising the public of the criminal offences.

297 MAYOR'S REPORT

Events and meetings attended during the month of December 2017:

- Projects collaboration meeting in BCBC, 7th December
- Annual Christmas Dinner Town Hall, raffle raised £340 for Mayor's Charity, 8th December
- Councillor May, past Mayor, deputised and attended a Health & Wellbeing Presentation at Hartshorn House, 8th December
- Christmas Service St David's Church, 10th December
- Garth Primary School' Christmas Concert, 13th December
- Deputy Mayor, Councillor Beedle, attended on the Mayor's behalf Maesteg Comprehensive Concert, 13th December
- Cllr May attended on the Mayor's behalf the nursery and reception Christmas Concert at St Mary & St Patrick's Primary School 14th December
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- Maesteg Branch Cancer Research Annual Christmas Concert in St Michael's Church, 15th December
- St Mary & St Patrick's Primary School Years 3 & 5 Christmas Concert, 19th December
- St Mary & St Patrick's School Years 4 & 6 Christmas Concert, 20th December
- Bucket Collection at Tesco Store and Maesteg Rugby Club, 30th December

298 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 5th December 2017 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 4th January 2018; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read and accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

**299 MINUTE 271
CELEBRATION OF 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Received letter of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress, who visited Mr & Mrs V Davies on the celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

**300 MINUTE 285
CAERAU WARD
CONDITION OF PAVEMENTS VICTORIA STREET**

Response from BCBC the issue has been added to the gully cleansing schedule and will be cleared in due course.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

**301 MINUTE 286
CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES MAESTEG 2017**

1. Letter received from Mr Roy Meredith advising of the following:

- Santa in the Chamber exceeds previous year's figures with approximately 600 children visiting.
- Santa visited Hyfrydol Care Home – reminding us that Christmas is not only for children but for the elderly and infirm in the community.

Mr Meredith thanked Maesteg Town Council for a pleasurable experience.

2. E-mail received from BBC Wales advising that the Christmas Lights and Parade had been reported as one of the best in Wales.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

302 MINUTE 287
FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS

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

1. Maesteg Branch of Cancer Research

RESOLVED: To note the information.

303 LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2017

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

CORRESPONDENCE

304 NOTIFICATION OF CONSULTATION TO BCBC MEMBERS
AND TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS

The Licensing Department is consulting on proposed changes to the age policy guidelines and testing regime for taxis and private hire vehicles in Bridgend County Borough.

In brief, it is proposed that the age at which a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle may first be licensed is amended to either 5 or 10 years depending on the type of vehicle. It is also proposed that hackney carriage and private hire vehicles will be tested in accordance with the MOT testing regime administered by the DVSA alongside an additional compliance test, in accordance with the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles National Inspection Standards, produced by the Freight Transport Association.

We also ask for your views on the provision of taxi and private hire services for disabled passengers in the county borough.

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If you would like further information on the proposals or wish to submit a response, please visit

www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation<<http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation>

The consultation period will close on 31 January 2018.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

305 REVIEW OF THE TCC CHARTER

Town and Community Councils are requested to Review of the Town and Community Council Charter and to consider how the Charter could be updated to create an effective framework for maintaining and developing working relationships between Councils across the County Borough. Copy of the correspondence sent to all Councillors for information and comments.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

306 REFERRALS MADE TO BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

• **PROCEDURE FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL FROM DOMESTIC PROPERTY**

Request from constituent regarding the removal of asbestos from property.

RESPONSE: Constituent to contact BCBC via telephone and choose the waste option and make arrangements with Kier.

• **BLOCKED DRAINS**

Advised of blocked drains and water ponding on Talbot Street.

RESPONSE: Drains have been added to the cleansing schedule and will be cleared in due course.

• **STREET LIGHTS NOT WORKING**

To the rear and adjacent to 21 North Street.

AWAITING RESPONSE:

• **FOOD WASTE BAGS**

Request to Kier for food waste bags - 24 Mill View.

RESPONSE: Delivered as soon as possible.

• **FLY TIPPING**

Pallets and sheeting on the approach to Maesteg Cemetery.

RESPONSE: Private land, therefore, BCBC are unable to remove these items.

• **FLY TIPPING**

Fly tipping opposite the entrance to Plasnewydd School on Plasnewydd Street.

RESPONSE: BCBC removed.

RESOLVED: To confirm action taken.

307 PLANNING LAW IN WALES CONSULTATION

Copy of the Law Commission's consultation paper on planning law in Wales, published on 30 November 2017.

Copy of the correspondence sent to all Councillors for information and comments.

RESOLVED: To confirm action taken.

308 THE CINNAMON TRUST NEEDS VOLUNTEERS IN MAESTEG

E-mail received from the Cinnamon Trust requesting volunteers in Maesteg, this has been forwarded to BAVO.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

309 LOCAL DEMOCRACY & BOUNDARY COMMISSION BRIEFING

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission held a briefing session in the Civic Offices Chamber on the 9th January 2018. The purpose of their address is to make TCC's aware of the proposed changes to political boundaries in this area.

Cllr Edwards provided a report following the Bridgend County Borough Councillors' session.

RESOLVED: That one Councillor from each ward meet to discuss the boundary commission briefing and report back recommendations to Council at the next meeting – agreed Councillors R Lewis, D Evans, A R Davies and W May.

310 TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM MEETING

The next meeting of the above will be held on Monday 29 January 2018. Councillor P W Jenkins to attend as Maesteg Town Council delegate.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

311 WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – PROPOSED HEALTHCARE BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR BRIDGEND

Welsh Government has issued a consultation on a proposal that healthcare services for people in Bridgend should be provided by Cwm Taf UHB instead of Abertawe Bro Morgannwg UHB; moving the health board boundary accordingly.

The consultation will be open for 12 weeks and will close on 7 March 2018. To respond to the consultation please follow the link below to the Welsh Government website:

<https://consultations.gov.wales/consultations/proposed-health-board-boundary-change-bridgend>

Copy of the correspondence sent to all Councillors for information and comments.

RESOLVED: Cllr W May to peruse the consultation documentation and provide response for Council.

312 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Thank you letters received from pupils and teachers of St Mary & St Patrick's and Plasnewydd Primary Schools complimenting the Council on the Christmas Grotto in the Chamber and for the invitation to pupils. It was a very special time for them. The children thank Santa and his Elves for their story of the "Night Before Christmas", the carol singing and the gifts. It was a very special time for all our pupils.

The Mayor and Members of the Council require the following to be recorded:

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the Christmas Festivities a great success once again this year for the residents and visitors to the Town; to Mr Roy Meredith (Santa) and to his elves (Mr Stuart Bevan, Mrs Lynn Roche, Mrs Kay Edwards, Mrs Linda Morgan, Mrs Leida Salway and Cllr Philip Jenkins) for their valued time and commitment.

Received from Cllr Tom Beedle a donation of £100 (one hundred pounds) towards the Christmas Festivities; proceeds for being Santa in a local Nursery.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to send thank you letters to the volunteers and to Councillor Tom Beedle.

313 PROPOSED DIVERSION PUBLIC FOOTPATHS 32 & 33 MAESTEG

The Rights of Way & Access Land Officer, BCBC, has confirmed that the Rights of Way Section are not currently willing to make the orders to extinguish and divert those sections of Footpath 32 & 33 Maesteg due to the nature of the responses received during the consultation process. The applicant has been made aware of this.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

314 PUBLIC NOTICE - CONSULTATION PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH PROVISION FOR PUPILS WITH ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS (ALN) AT YSGOL GYFUN GYMRAEG LLANGYNWYD

A consultation has recently been completed on the proposal to establish provision for pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) at Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd. Having considered the outcome of the consultation, a decision was made in a cabinet meeting on 28 November 2017 that a Public Notice regarding this proposal be issued.

Please find below the link to the Public Notice in respect of the proposal which will run from 8 January until 5 February 2018.

<http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/services/consultation/aln-llangynwyd.aspx>

Copy of the Public Notice has been printed off and available for Members in the Clerk's office

RESOLVED: To note the information.

315 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. OPEN SPACES SOCIETY

The annual request received from the above organisation for financial support.

RESOLVED: Council donate the sum of £50 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

2. LLANGOLLEN INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL EISTEDDFOD

We would like to respectfully ask the Local Authorities, Town and Community Councils who support us to continue and with this funding help to keep Wales on the world Festival map. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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

316 UTILISATION OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

Members noted that historically the Capital Projects Budget was divided within the individual Wards. This practice changed with the introduction of BCBC Town & Community Fund, with the Council applying annually and being successful in obtaining grants for four major projects.

With the changes in criteria of the BCBC Town & Community Fund; i.e. should be linked to Community Asset Transfer (CAT) projects only, should the Council now consider that this Budget revert to being shared equally between Wards?

RESOLVED: To be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

317 DELEGATES' REPORT

PLANNING WORKSHOP FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS - 18 DECEMBER 2017

Report received from Councillor S B Smith. Workshop presented by Peter Kingsley and Graham Walters. A workshop manual available in the Clerk's office for member's information.

- Planning was devolved to WAG in 1999
- Amended in 2015 for Wales Planning Act which refers back to the Planning Act in 1990. Further information is available on the Planning Wales website

- Approximately 16 TCC's were present and split into groups. Main points raised were:
 - a) Lack of knowledge
 - b) Poor communication
 - c) Law changes and links to the LDP
- The LDP is put in place and every +15 years it is revisited and reviewed.
- The other items discussed were things like overview of planning, key players in planning, planning permission and other issues relating to planning.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

318 PLANS

Cllrs 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/17/1022/FUL
- P/17/998/FUL
- A/17/44/ADV
- P/17/848/FUL

The Council discussed and objected to the removal of conditions 2, 3, 5 and 6 of P/16/548/FUL on the following application:
P/17/1009/RLX

**Read and accepted at a meeting
of the Council held on
6th February 2018**

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Mayor