

**MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of the **Annual General Meeting** of the Council held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **TUESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.**

**PRESENT:**

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

Apology for absence was received from Cllr D Evans.

Cllr G Bevan, due to ill health, had been granted leave of absence by the Council.

There were no declarations of interest received from Members present.

**1. MAYOR'S ADDRESS**

The Mayor welcomed Councillors and guests and stated that it is a honour and a privilege to serve as a Councillor for the East Ward and during the past year to be afforded the opportunity to be the Mayor of Maesteg Town Council. Cllr Williams stated he was proud to serve alongside his committed colleagues on the Town Council who have vision and a focus on benefitting the community.

Cllr Williams and his Mayoress, Mrs Sally Williams, have enjoyed over 150 engagements during the year, which included being an Ambassador on behalf of the Council at various events: Dignatory and Charity events within Bridgend Borough Council, educational visits, community projects, environmental projects, concerts, 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and 50/60 years Wedding Anniversary' celebrations and supporting many organisations, societies and choirs.

The 2017 Maesteg Festival was a truly successful extravaganza of events involving many differing community groups of all ages, and the Mayor expressed the Council's huge debt of gratitude to the volunteer supporters

whose enthusiasm helps to achieve the massive successes, in not only the Festival, but the truly magnificent Christmas Parade and Festivities. The Mayor expressed his sincere thanks to ALL who give freely of their time and are committed to organise the events to such high standards. It is this community spirit and support within Maesteg Town which makes it so special and highlights the culture we have within the Valley. This variety of magnificent talent keeps our Valley alive and vibrant.

Tribute to the Maesteg Royal British Legion for organising a very moving concert and service at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church in commemoration of the soldiers who died in the Battle of Passchendaele; followed by an excellent exhibition in the Maesteg Council Offices.

The Mayor referred to the Mayor's Trust Fund, which has raised funds for his charities. An ambitious programme of events have been organised throughout the year and the tireless work of the committed Committee members and supporting volunteers have raised over £5000; grateful thanks were extended to all.

The Mayor expressed his appreciation for all the help, support and advice the Clerks had provided throughout his year of office, to his fellow Councillors for their support and to his Consort and family for their tremendous support.

The Mayor wished the Mayor Elect, Cllr Lynne Beedle, the very best for the coming year, giving assurance that she will be a great ambassador for the Town.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL 2018/2019**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Lynne Beedle be appointed Mayor of the Council for 2018/2019.

Councillor Beedle read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk, and thanked the Council for the nomination.

**3. PRESENTATION TO PAST MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Beedle presented the out-going Mayor with a plaque depicting the Council's Coat of Arms of Maesteg in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Council during the year.

The Consort's Chain of Office was then presented to Councillor Tom Beedle, Consort, for the year 2018/19, who in turn presented a gift to Mrs Sally Williams as a gesture of thanks from the Council for the duties performed as Mayoress.

**4. TRIBUTES TO THE PAST MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL**

Members representing each Ward of the Council commended the way that Cllr Williams and the Mayoress, Mrs Sally Williams, conducted their duties within his year of Office.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL**

The Clerk advised that at the May 2018 meeting no nominations had been received for Members that had not gone previously through the Chair. Councillor R Penhale-Thomas was nominated as Deputy Mayor of the Council for 2018/2019; however, at a later date withdrew.

Nominations being requested; Councillor S B Smith was nominated by Councillor P W Jenkins, seconded by Councillor W May.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor S B Smith be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Council for 2018/2019.

**6. GOVERNING BODIES OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Caerau Primary School	Cllr R Davies - term ends August 2021
Nantyffyllon Primary School	Cllr A James – term ends March 2022
Plasnewydd Primary School	Cllr PW Jenkins – term ends May 2020
Garth Primary School	Cllr W May – term ends March 2020
St Mary's & St Patrick's Primary School	Cllr L Beedle - terms ends May 2020
Ysgol Gynradd Cynwyd Sant	Cllr D L Evans – terms ends May 2021

**RESOLVED:** That the above appointments be confirmed

7. To confirm Membership of the Finance Committee for 2018/19 to carry Internal Audit Function in compliance with the Account & Audit Regulations: (8 members agreed)

Cllrs: (Mayor - Cllr L Beedle) W May (Chair), L Thomas, D L Evans, R Collins, P Davies, P W White, A James.

8. To confirm Membership of the Planning Committee for 2018/19:

Cllrs: S B Smith (Chair), I Williams, P W Jenkins, L Thomas, D L Evans.

9. To confirm Membership of the Events Committee for 2018/19:

Cllrs: Mayor L Beedle (Chair), R Penhale-Thomas, P W Jenkins, D K Edwards, L Thomas.

10. To confirm Membership of the Rights of Way/Environment Committee for 2018/19:

Cllrs: Mayor L Beedle (Chair), D K Edwards, D L Evans, Andrew James, Rob Lewis.

Co-opted members: Mr R Meredith, Mr G White.

11. To confirm Membership of the Regeneration Sub-Committee for 2018/19:

Full Council.

12. Appointment of a Town Projects Committee for 2018/19:  
To be discussed and agreed at a future Meeting of Council.

13. To confirm Membership of the Reading Committee for 2018/2019:

Cllrs: W May (Chair), D K Edwards, L Thomas, I Williams, D L Evans.

14. To confirm Membership of the Health & Safety Committee for 2018/19:

Cllrs: P W Jenkins (Chair), I Williams (Chair), S B Smith, W May, L Thomas.

15. To confirm Membership of the Property Committee for 2018/19:  
Cllrs: P W Jenkins (Chair), S B Smith, I Williams, L Beedle, W May.
16. To confirm Membership of the Human Resources Committee for 2018/19:  
Cllrs: L Beedle (Chair), W May, D K Edwards, L Thomas, D L Evans.
17. To confirm membership of the Website Committee for 2018/19:  
Cllrs : R Davies (Chair), R L Penhale-Thomas , L Thomas, L Beedle, A James.
18. To confirm membership of the Standing Orders / Code of Conduct/ General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Committee for 2018/19:  
Cllrs: R L Penhale-Thomas (Chair), L Beedle, P W Jenkins, Idris Williams, D L Evans.  
  
(To confirm no change in the Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders agreed by Council at the Annual General Meeting May 2017).
19. To confirm the delegate to serve on the BCBC Town & Community Council Forum for 2018/19:  
Cllr P W Jenkins.
20. To confirm delegates to serve on the Awen Cultural Trust Group for 2018/2019:  
Cllrs: I Williams, P W Jenkins, R Lewis, R Davies.
21. To confirm delegate(s) to serve on the Llynfi Valley River Care & Environment Group for 2018/19:  
Cllr: D L Evans.
22. To confirm delegates to serve on the Natural Resources Wales "Spirit of the Llynfi Woodland" Group 2018/2019:

Cllr: P W Jenkins, A James, Mr R Meredith (co-opted).

23. To confirm the Diversity Champion 2018/19:

Cllr: I Williams.

**Read and accepted at a meeting  
of the Council held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

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**Mayor**