

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 6th November 2018.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES for absence received from Councillors W May, I Williams, S B Smith and D L Evans.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllrs P White, R Penhale-Thomas, R Collins, D K Edwards and P Davies declared an interest in items relating to Bridgend County Borough Council, including Development Control and Licensing.

The Clerk made the Council's Register of Interest available for Members to update.

164 POLICE MATTERS

The Mayor welcomed Sgt Matt Beynon to the meeting.

Maesteg Crime Statistics for October 2018

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	1	0	0	0	1
Dwelling burglary	2	0	2	0	4
Burglary other	2	1	0	0	3
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	1	0	0	1
All other theft	2	0	4	0	6
Damage	3	0	2	3	8
Assault with injury	6	0	8	0	14 (10 D/V)
All crime total	16	2	16	3	37
Anti-social behaviour	10	5	4	2	21
Drink Driving	0	1	0	1	2

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Theft from vehicle	1	1	0	1	3 (all secure)
All other theft	3	6	7	0	16
Damage	12	3	7	0	22
Assault with injury	9	2	13	5	29
All crime total	32	15	31	7	85
Anti-social behaviour	33	14	17	1	65
Drink Driving	0	1	1	0	2

Sgt Beynon updated Members on the crime figures for October 2018 comparing them to the previous year's figures.

Discussions ensued on :

- Domestic Violence – Senior and Primary Schools within the Town to be visited by a special Unit. It is hoped that this will help reassure young people what to do in situations of violence and to advise them on the help available.
- Air rifles; received feedback from members of the public, continue to monitor.
- Positive result on seizure of “Heroin” Drugs, Caerau. Investigations continue. Sgt Beynon requested that Members encourage residents to advise the Police of any concerns in this area; information will be kept confidential and anonymous .
- Further concerns were raised with the increase of motorbikes on the Llynfi Woodland Site and cycle track, with walkers being knocked over and assaulted by these youths; specific incidents were reported.

Sgt Beynon confirmed that these incidents are taken seriously; it is imperative that they are reported immediately “101” in order to get a patrol on site. If names of perpetrators known, important to report to the Police.

Members advised the locations used to enter the Cycle Track and relevant times these incidents occur. It was noted that parents are

seen regularly dropping off their children with their bikes at Maesteg Cemetery entrance.

Sgt Beynon confirmed that the Police are continuing to work with Natural Resources Wales to combat this problem; these issues will be addressed.

- Sgt Beynon confirmed that patrols continue to take place around Nantyffyllon Primary School to ensure no further incidents of trespassing, attempted burglary and damage; ASBOs have been issued. Continue to monitor. Reports received that youths moved on to other sites within the Village.
- Members were aware of the massive social media on the lead up to Christmas; the police asked that members of the public be more vigilant.
- Members were requested to continue to advise residents not to advertise on social media when they are away on holiday, as these messages are available to the local thieves.
- Camera, Caerau Square; enquiries still being made.

The Mayor thanked Sgt Beynon for his attendance.

165 MAYOR'S REPORT

Events and Meetings attended by the Mayor, Councillor Lynne Beedle, during the month of October 2018:

- Cor Meibion & Perth Male Voice Choir - 4th October 2018
- Official Opening of Nantyffyllon Rugby Club – 6th October 2018
- Official Opening of RBL 1918 Exhibition – 24th October 2018
- Launch of Caerau Men's Shed Calendar – 2nd November 2018

Deputy Mayor Councillor Steve Smith

Harmony Annual Concert

Noteworthy Concert

Past Mayor Councillor Idris Williams

Bridgend Town Council Civic Service

166 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2nd October 2018; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read and accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

167 MINUTE 138 NOTICE OF ELECTION - NANTYFFYLLON WARD 15TH NOVEMBER 2018

PERSONS NOMINATED / POBL A ENWEBWYD

Surname, Other names in full	Home address	Description (if any)
Beedle, Tom	2 Chestnut Grove, Maesteg, CF34 0NT	Llynfi Independents
Thomas, Gavin Alun	68 Ystad Celyn, Maesteg, CF34 9LT	Welsh Labour

RESOLVED: To note the information.

168 MINUTE 151 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – MAESTEG BRANCH 1918 EXHIBITION

Members noted the opening times of the Exhibition:

- Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm
- Late night openings Tuesday & Thursday 6pm – 8pm
- Saturday 10am – 2pm

Advertising: Posters will be displayed, ITV, BBC and Wales Online have also been contacted.

Maesteg Branch Royal British Legion extended an invitation to Members and look forward to meeting them. Information e-mailed to Councillors.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

169 MINUTE 153

CONSULTATION - UNADOPTED ROADS IN WALES

1. Part 1 completed by Clerk
2. Part 2 completed by Cllr W May
3. Part 3 completed by Cllr W May

Copy of the documentation sent to Members.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

170 LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018

RESOLVED: That the List of Payments made by the Council during the month of October 2018; copy of which had been circulated to Members, be accepted, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE

171 MAESTEG BUS STATION TOILETS

In response to the Council's letter dated 6th September 2018 advising the Head of Neighbourhood Services, Mr Zachary Shell, of the decision that Maesteg Town Council is not in a position to take over the operation of the public toilets within the Maesteg Bus Station under a Community Asset Transfer and the suggestion made that the facilities be converted to "pay to use" similar to Bridgend Bus Station, the following reply received:

- Note the decision that the Town Council is not in a position to take over the operation of the public toilets within the Maesteg Bus Station under a Community Asset Transfer. Also noted the suggestion that the facilities should be converted to "pay to use" in a similar manner to those proposed for Bridgend Bus Station.
- Confirm that the decision to introduce "pay to use" facilities at Bridgend Bus Station was based upon the high footfall in users of the Station and current usage of the public toilets, which provided assurance that the re-configuration should be self-financing.

The public consultation and internal review undertaken by the Council did not suggest that this was the case at Maesteg toilets.

The Council has re-assessed the feasibility of introducing “pay to use” facilities, based upon the Street Works Team undertaking a monitoring exercise, since receipt of the Council’s letter. This has re-affirmed that the footfall and the level of usage of the existing facility would not enable the Maesteg facility to be self-financing.

As the day-to-day operation of the public toilets is not to be transferred, Bridgend County Borough Council will have no option other than to close the public toilets at Maesteg Bus Station, as previously announced, on 2nd January 2019.

Copy of letter e-mailed to Councillors.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

172 DISABLED TOILET MAESTEG BUS STATION

Telephone call received from Customer Care, BCBC, 30th October 2018, advising that a member of the public had telephoned very concerned that the above facility was blocked and that sewage was spilling out on to the road. Advised that the Maesteg Bus Station’ toilets were the responsibility of Bridgend County Borough Council and as a matter of urgency this be reported to the “Property Department”.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

173 HARTSHORN HOUSE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Received notification of the above event, 7th December 2018, 10am - 12pm; placed on notice board and also e-mailed to Councillors. The Mayor received an invitation to attend on behalf of Maesteg Town Council.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

174 REFERRALS MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018

- **STEPS**
 - Steps from Commercial Street to Meadow Street - overgrown with vegetation. Photographs submitted.
 - Steps from Commercial Street to Llynfi Lane – covered in debris and litter

RESPONSE: An order has been issued to undertake the removal of the Hazardous (Cut back vegetation/brambles/overgrowth. Clean out ditches)

• **RECYCLING CONTAINERS**

The following recycling containers requested:

- All items required by new resident – 24 Victoria Street,

RESPONSE: Request has been processed; allow at least 10 working days for delivery.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

175 SANDVILLE OCTOBER /NOVEMBER 2018 EVENTS

Received the above list of events, scanned and e-mailed to Councillors.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

176 BAVO INVOLVE AUTUMN 2018 NEWSLETTER

Copy of the Autumn 2018 newsletter received and available in the Clerk's Office and e-mailed to all Councillors.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

177 CWM CALON CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Received poster for the Christmas fayre at Your Community Hub, Cwm Calon. Poster placed on noticeboard and e-mailed to all councillors.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

178 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Received Temporary Road Closure notification for Maesteg and Caerau for Remembrance Sunday Parades, 11th November 2018.

E-mailed to all Councillors; original copy with the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

179 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Received Temporary Road Closure notification for Saturday, 1st December 2018 for road closures necessary for the Christmas Parade.

Confirmation received from the Police that they will not be assisting in the road closures; however, will be present in the Town to assist with crowd control and safety.

Meeting held with Highways Officer, BCBC, and Town Centre Manager to seek advice and discuss the proposed route; Highways have no internal resources to assist, suggested contacting a Contractor.

Centregreat, our Lighting Contractor Specialist, having a specialist team, were contacted. Following a meeting with their representatives to discuss the legal documentation and requirements, they have agreed that their "Specialist team" will undertake the control of traffic, etc. and supply the required vehicles, for safety, at the front and back of the Parade.

Copy of road closure notification sent to Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

180 CHRIS ELMORE MP NOVEMBER & DECEMBER ADVICE SURGERY

Received poster of Chris Elmore MP' Advice Surgeries for November & December; placed on notice board and also e-mailed to all Councillors.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

181 SW FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE CONSULTATION

South Wales Fire & Rescue Service has published its plans for next year (2019-2020). They would like to consult with members of the public in our community, to see if they agree that the seven priorities put forward are important to the people of South Wales.

The consultation only takes a few minutes and we would really appreciate feedback from the Members of the Council.

Welsh version – <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RTCFV9C>

English version - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SW-FR-S>

E-mailed to all councillors; original copy with the Clerk.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

182 BRIDGE FM RADIO YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS 2018

Information received regarding the above awards and e-mailed to all councillors. Councillors to respond directly due to nominations closing on Wednesday 7th November. The winners will then be invited to the award ceremony on Friday 23rd November at the Best Western Heronston Hotel & Spa!

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

**183 ABERTAWA BRO MORGANNWG UNIVERSITY
HEALTH BOARD – CLOSURE OF MAESTEG DAY HOSPITAL**

Information received from the above regarding an engagement on the proposed closure of Maesteg Day Hospital and transfer of service to the Princess of Wales Hospital Bridgend. The Public Engagement to take place between 29th October and 21st December 2018. Response form enclosed. Copies were made available for Members.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

**184 CHRISTMAS PARADE/SWITCH ON OF LIGHTS
SATURDAY, 1ST DECEMBER 2018**

Programme of events taking place during the day were noted.

Members advised of the support and help required at various times within the day, together with the requirement of Marshalls to ensure the safety of members of the public whilst the parade makes its way through the Town.

The Christmas Poster Competition was won by a pupil of Plasnewydd School. Posters and fliers being delivered throughout the Town and to all Schools within the Valley promoting the Celebrations.

Members were advised that Awen Cultural Trust had requested to advertise on the back of the fliers for an event to be staged in the Town Hall and agreed to share the printing costs; this was agreed.

RESOLVED: To note the information. Councillors to advise the Clerk of their availability.

185 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

1. GIRLGUIDING CYMRU

A request received for financial assistance from Ms Lois Williams, a volunteer for Girlguiding Cymru, where they have one active unit in the Maesteg area, 1st Llangynwyd Guides. The unit is open to girls from anywhere within the County. They are all fall under Girlguiding Cymru where they have 22,000 members across Wales.

Girlguiding prides itself on raising girls aspirations and encourages them to take on new challenges to reach their full potential. Following their footsteps Ms Williams will be taking on the challenge and adventuring on the Machu Picchu trek in October 2019.

Ms Williams is fundraising for Girlguiding because it will help to make sure that every girl in Wales has the opportunity to join and be a part of this fantastic organisation. There are so many different pressures on girls growing up in today's society, it's so important that we provide girls with a space where they can be themselves, to achieve their potential and most importantly to have fun.

Through sponsoring this challenge, the Council will be making an incredible investment into young girls futures in Wales.

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

186 DELEGATES' REPORTS

No reports received for October 2018.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

187 **IRPW DRAFT REPORT (MINUTE 159)**

***Item 13 Payments to Members of Community and Town Councils
Maesteg Town Council – Group A***

Members noted the contents of the report.

The Clerk made reference to the following:

13.14 ***Determination 37*** – All Community and Town Councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses.

13.16 ***Determination 38*** - Community and Town Councils in Group A must make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of 1 and a maximum of 5 members in recognition of specific responsibilities. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses.

13.17 ***Determination 40*** – Community and Town Councils can make payments to each of their members in respect of travel costs for attending approved duties. Such payments must be the actual costs of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowances.

Determination 41 – Community and Town Councils resolves that a particular duty requires an overnight stay, it can authorise reimbursement of subsistence expenses; at the specified rates on the basis of receipted claims.

Council has agreement in place to make the above payments to Members on approved duties.

13.18 ***Determination 42*** – Community and Town Councils can pay financial loss compensation to each of their members.

In the past Attendance Allowance was payable by Maesteg Town Council for Members undertaking delegated duties.

13.21 to 13.26 ***Determination 44*** - Provide a Civic Head payment to the mayor/chair of the council up to a maximum of £1500. This is in addition to the £150 payment for costs and expenses and the £500 senior salary if these are claimed.

Agreement in place that Mayor of Maesteg Town Council receives £1500.

Determination 45 – Provide a Deputy Civic Head payment to the deputy mayor/deputy chair of the council up to a maximum of £500. This in addition to the £150/£500 payments if claimed.

No payment made to Deputy Mayor of Maesteg Town Council.

It was noted that in previous years Maesteg Town Council agreed not to make payments for expenses and costs to its Members.

The Clerk confirmed that the current recommendations state that individual Councillors are to make the decision to decline a payment of £150 towards costs and expenses. This has to be in writing or by e-mail from the individual to the Clerk.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the contents of the Draft Annual Report – February 2019.
- (ii) That individual Councillors advise the Clerk, in writing or by e-mail, if they wish to decline to receive part, or all, of the payments.

188 TRAFFIC ORDERS (MINUTE NUMBER 160)

Members were reminded that the Traffic and Transportation Unit, BCBC, had agreed that they are prepared to look at other potential traffic orders, within the Maesteg Wards, that address similar problems as the Ivor/Station Street locations and to carry out feasibility assessments as to whether options are available to address the issues. Submission of these potential traffic orders would be covered under the one legal order cost of £7K to £10K.

Members identified, due to obstructive parking and lack of access for emergency, the following streets:

Caerau

Metcalfe Street

Nantyllon

John Street

Brown Street

Maesteg East

Talgarth Street

Duke Street

Pit Street

Crown Rd

Lewis Rd

Crown Row

Maesteg West

Ivor Street at junction with Station Street

Park View at Junction with Llwydarth Rd

Exchange Street

Court Street

Upper Street

Albert Terrace

Neath Rd opposite junction with Salisbury Road

Morris Street

West Street

RESOLVED:

Council agreed that the Traffic and Transportation Unit, Bridgend County Borough Council, be instructed to carry out feasibility studies on the above streets on the conditions confirmed by them (**Minute 160**).

189 PLANS

Cllrs P White, R Penhale-Thomas, K Edwards, R Collins and P Davies left the meeting; therefore, took no part in the discussion on planning proposals.

The following planning applications were discussed and were supported by Members:

Ref: P/18/787/FUL

Applicant: Ms R Tidball

Location: 27 High Street Maesteg CF34 0BS

Proposal: Demolish single storey extension and replace with 2 storey extension to rear

Ref: P/18/813/OUT
Applicant: Mr R Watkins
Location: Land at Pleasant View Fairfield Avenue Maesteg CF34 9LP
Proposal: Outline planning for one detached dwelling on land adjacent Pleasant View

Ref: P/18/719/FUL
Applicant: Kier
Location: Household Waste Recycling Centre Heol Ty Gwyn Industrial Estate Maesteg CF34 0BQ
Proposal: Change use of existing mess office into a shop for the public to buy items, new container to be used as a new mess office and new carpark for 6 vehicles

Ref: P/18/770/FUL
Applicant: Mr J Grabham
Location: 62 Davies Terrace Maesteg CF34 0HB
Proposal: Rear addition and access steps to rear garden for registered disabled person

Ref: P/18/872/FUL
Applicant: Mr Short
Location: 37 Greenfield Street Garth Maesteg CF34 0NP
Proposal: Adding another storey to an existing single storey extension

Council would like to query the type of cladding to be used on the following application:

Ref: P/18/507/FUL
Applicant: Valleys to Coast Housing Ltd
Location: 48 - 58 / 59 - 72 Dyffryn Road Maesteg CF34 0UA
Proposal: Safety works to balconies and walkways. Wall to external walkways to be over-clad with panelled finish.

Council would like to query whether there is adequate parking for the following application:

Ref: P/18/830/FUL
Applicant: Mr S Gilbert
Location: 6 Parc Rhosyn Maesteg CF34 9GX
Proposal: Two storey extension to side

Read and accepted at a meeting of the Council held on 4th December 2018