

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 1st May 2018.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES for absence received from Councillors G Bevan.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllrs D K Edwards, P White, R Collins, R Penhale-Thomas and P Davies 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.

Cllr L Thomas declared an interest in items relating to AWEN Trust.

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

401 POLICE MATTERS

The Mayor welcomed to the meeting Sergeant Gareth Bradley.

Crime Figures

Crime statistics were presented to the Members for the month of April 2018, comparing them to the crimes committed in the various categories for March 2018.

Maesteg Crime Statistics for April 2018

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	0	2	1	0	3
Burglary other	2	1	0	0	3
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	0	1	0	1
All other theft	2	4	4	0	10
Damage	8	4	10	0	22
Assault with injury	4	1	4	0	9
All crime total	16	12	20	0	48
Anti-social behaviour	12	7	13	1	33
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

Maesteg Crime Statistics for March 2018

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	1	0	0	1
Dwelling burglary	0	1	0	0	1
Burglary other	0	1	0	0	1
Theft of vehicle	0	1	0	1	2
Theft from vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
All other theft	2	7	11	0	20
Damage	14	6	7	0	27
Assault with injury	5	0	5	5	15
All crime total	21	17	23	6	67
Anti-social behaviour	18	8	12	0	38
Drink Driving	0	1	0	0	1

The following was discussed:

- *Sgt Bradley advised that the youth who caused the damage to the windows on the Council building has been identified and requested if the Council would support SW Police in referring the individual to the early prevention team.*

Council agreed to support SW Police decision to refer to the early crime prevention team and to speak to the parents.

- Concerns were once again made with regard to Llynfi Road Car Park, where people are driving in the wrong way and ongoing anti-social behaviour.

Sgt Bradley advised that the local PCSO's are currently trying to seek funding and permission for speed bumps to be installed at entry points and strategic locations within the car park.

- Concerns were raised concerning the recent anti-social behaviour at the allotments near to Maesteg Welfare Park, where youths have broken in through the fences and needles found.

Sgt Bradley advised that all anti-social behaviour should be reported to 101 or to local PCSO's.

- Question was raised about why comparison figures for last year were not given.

Sgt Bradley advised that SW Police do not hold this information; however, it was agreed that the Clerk will provide the information from last year's minutes and bring to meetings.

The Mayor thanked Sgt Bradley for his presence.

402 BRIDGEND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Mayor welcomed Sharon Gronland and Graham Cartwright from BCBC to discuss the Town Rider Scheme.

Members were advised that the scheme has been running for period of time; however, recently three buses were purchased by Bridgend County Borough Council via the Integrated Care Fund Grant, specifically for use within the three Valley communities within the Borough. The buses are owned by Bridgend County Borough Council; however, operated by Bridgend Community Transport.

The Mayor thanked Sharon Gronland and Graham Cartwright for their discussion and advised that the Council will discuss the scheme later in the meeting.

403 MAYOR'S REPORT

Events and meetings attended during the month of April 2018:

- Diamond Wedding anniversary, 6th April
- Caerau Growers Easter Craft Day, 7th April
- BMX Event, 8th April
- Curtain Up production of Hairspray, 14th April
- Events Festival Meeting, 16th April
- Cor Merched Cwm Llynfi Annual Concert , 20th April
- Noteworthy Mayor Concert, 21st April
- Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council' Annual Charity Gala Evening, 28th April

404 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3rd April 2018 and the Events Festival meeting minutes on 23rd April 2018; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read and accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

405 MINUTE 382 WELSH HEARTS WORKING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

As per resolution, Clerk contacted local schools and the following responses received:

School	Defibrillator
PRIMARY SCHOOLS	
Caerau Primary School	No
Cwmfelin Primary School	No
Garth Primary School	No

Llangynnwyd Primary School	No
Nantylfyllon Primary School	No
Plasnewydd Primary School	No
St Mary's & St Patrick's	No
YGG Cynwyd Sant	No
COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOLS	
Maesteg Comprehensive School	YES
YGG Llangynnwyd	YES but not currently in position or in use

RESOLVED: To note the information.

406 MINUTE 327
UTILISATION OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET
MINUTE 354
ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS BUDGET

Reminder to Members that Council had resolved to consider the above items at a future meeting during 2018/2019 period.

407 MINUTE 387
A PARLIAMENT FOR WALES: THERE IS STILL TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Cllr May completed the survey as requested by Council, copy of response sent by e-mail to Councillors. Hard copy available in Clerk's Office.

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken

408 MINUTE 388
GREEN PAPER "STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT: DELIVERING FOR PEOPLE"

Resolved at the last meeting that Cllr May respond on behalf of Council. Councillor May has requested that the Reading Committee meet to consider this document and to recommend responses by the 12th June 2018.

RESOLVED: Reading Committee to meet as soon as possible.

409 **MINUTE 392**
BRIDGEND COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – LLYNFI VALLEY
MINIBUS

Following the presentation by Ms Sharon Gronland, BCBC, Members to consider the two requests received:

1. Use of Maesteg Town Council Coat of Arms on the vehicle
2. Funding towards the cost of £500 for wrapping the vehicle

RESOLVED: Clerk to clarify various points regarding logos to be used on wrapping of vehicle.

410 **MINUTE 393**
ARMED FORCES AWARDS 2018

Clerk e-mailed contact on the poster for further information on the categories and application pack.

Response received from SO2 MCI Mr Andy Williams who forwarded the application form and criteria for Award nominations. He also advised that given the decision making panel are predominately military he has included a 'guide' to writing recommendations. Both are available with the Clerk.

The Awards Evening will take place on Thursday 22 November 2018 in ; venue to be confirmed.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

411 **MINUTE 397**
ONE VOICE WALES INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL -
COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCIL SECTOR IN WALES

Clerk e-mailed the “One Voice Wales response” to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken

412 MINUTE 397
TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM MEETING
- MARCH 2018

Members received a comprehensive report from Cllr P W Jenkins at the last meeting. It should be noted that the item “Town Centre Cleaning and Maintenance” was placed on the Agenda for discussion by Maesteg Town Council. Does Council wish to write formally to Bridgend County Borough Council advising of concerns expressed at the meeting requesting that they review their policies on street cleansing, dog fouling and drain inspection?

RESOLVED: Agreed Clerk to write to Bridgend County Borough Council requesting that they review their policies on street cleansing, dog fouling and drain inspection.

413 LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2018

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

CORRESPONDENCE

414 TREES ON CYCLE TRACK

Concerns received from residents regarding the dangerous condition of two sapling trees on the cycle track, located behind Tywith Bungalows. Cllr P Davies and Mr G White (Rights of Way contractor) met on site to inspect. It was reported that they were in a dangerous condition and hazardous to members of the public and residents. These have now been cut down and area cleared.

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken.

415 DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mayor visited Mr & Mrs Elfed Thomas on their celebration of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, presenting them with a bouquet of flowers and the Council’s official Congratulations Card.

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken; payment out of Part B Mayor's Allowance.

416 REFERRAL MONTH OF APRIL 2018

• **RECYCLING CONTAINERS**

The following recycling containers requested:

- Blue bags, food waste bags and white paper sack – 43 Hearts of Oak Cottages

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

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken

417 LETTERS OF THANKS FROM SCHOOLS

Letters of thanks have been received from local schools who had a visit from artist Nathan Wyburn as part of the Gŵyl Maesteg Festival to say how inspired the children have been following the visit resulting in many great pieces of celebrity artwork being created from unconventional materials e.g. a Gareth Bale portrait made from mud, grass and rice.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

418 LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

On behalf of the Mayor and Members of the Council, a letter of condolence was sent to the family of the late Councillor Colin Teesdale.

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken

419 HEALTH & WELLBEING CENTRE

Latest leaflet and newsletter from the Health & Wellbeing centre at House and coffee morning poster from Social services emailed to all councillors for information and poster placed on noticeboard.

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken

**420 BRIDGEND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2013) -
CONSULTATION ON DRAFT REVIEW REPORT & DRAFT
REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN DELIVERY
AGREEMENT.**

The Draft Review Report and the official Comments Form has been received and can be viewed on the Bridgend County Borough Council's website. Please refer to the link below:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-control/development-planning/bridgend-local-development-plan-2013-consultation-on-draft-review-report-draft-delivery-agreement/>

BCBC would be grateful if comments could be made on the Draft Review Report on the official Comments Form and email them to ldp@bridgend.gov.uk or make them in writing, on a printed official Comments Form to Development Planning, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB by 5pm on **Friday 25th May 2018**.

RESOLVED: Planning Committee to meet 14th May 2018 to discuss.

421 CHANGES TO THE CONSENTING OF INFRASTRUCTURE

Welsh Government has released the above consultation which seeks views on proposed changes to the consenting of energy and infrastructure in Wales following the receipt of new powers under the Wales Act 2017.

<https://beta.gov.wales/changes-approval-infrastructure-development>

The consultation sets out measures to establish a bespoke infrastructure consenting process which is responsive to business and community needs, to support sustainable economic growth, and to decarbonise our energy supply. It will also be used as a vehicle to consent certain projects designated in the National Development Framework for Wales.

As the powers to consent larger infrastructure schemes will be devolved on 1 April 2019, this consultation also seeks views on interim arrangements until a bespoke infrastructure consenting process is in place.

The closing date for responses is **23 July 2018**.

Consultation description: The Wales Act 2017 devolves powers to Welsh Ministers for:

- approving electricity generating stations up to 350MW, both on and offshore and associated overhead electric lines, up to and including 132KV

- changing existing, and introducing new, law for the management of harbours, building new harbours and creating harbour authorities
- marine licences
- offshore marine nature conservation.

We want to encourage the delivery of sustainable infrastructure and ‘green’ growth, as well as making sure our commitments are met in terms of community involvement, energy diversity, carbon emissions and security of supply.

We are seeking your views on:

- our proposals to establish a new process for the approval of infrastructure development in Wales
- interim arrangements until a new process to approve infrastructure development is in place
- reforms to compulsory purchase in Wales.

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

422 INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL APRIL NEWSLETTER

April newsletter received and emailed to all councillors for information.

RESOLVED: Confirmation received on action taken

423 COMPLAINT ABOUT TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION OF NEATH ROAD

Letter of complaint received regarding the traffic lights at the junction of Neath Road. The complainant is requesting that the Neath Road - Talbot Street lights operate in the same way as the Commercial Street lights and Llynfi Road lights i.e. one flow of traffic at a time to reduce traffic jams and queueing when trying to turn right from Neath Road and right from Talbot Street.

RESOLVED: To note information and forward to Highways Department, Bridgend County Borough Council.

424 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

No applications received for April 2018.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

425 TO CONFIRM POSITION OF MAYOR, RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2018/19

RESOLVED: Nominations were received and will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting.

426 DISCUSS HIGHWAY PROJECT – RECONFIGURATION OF JUNCTION BETWEEN BRIDGE STREET AND CASTLE STREET

Cllr Edwards advised that he was sent original costings of £7000 for the reconfiguration of the junction between Bridge Street and Castle Street, however BCBC have since revised this estimation as £20,000. It was agreed that this project is not viable.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise BCBC that Maesteg Town Council to withdraw the application.

427 UPDATE ON GDPR

RESOLVED: To note the information.

428 UPDATE ON WEBSITE

Concerns were raised regarding personal contact details being visible on the website due to the nature of employment of some Councillors.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that those affected could have Maesteg Town Council contact details listed and queries would be passed onto them via the Clerk & Deputy Clerk.

429 DELEGATES' REPORTS

No delegated reports received for April 2018.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

430 PLANS

Cllrs D K Edwards, P White, R Collins, R Penhale-Thomas 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:

Ref: P/18/184/FUL
Applicant: Mr C Kensella
Location: Blue Pearl Restaurant, 15 Talbot Street, Maesteg, CF34 9BT
Proposal: Change of use of living accommodation into 3no. self-contained flats (1no. 1 bed and 2no. 2 bed)

Ref: P/18/249/FUL
Applicant: Mr R Moore
Location: 1 Humphreys Terrace Maesteg CF34 0SG
Proposal: Second storey addition over existing bathroom to rear

Ref: P/18/279/FUL
Applicant: Mrs L Fahey
Location: 71 Yr Ysfa Maesteg CF34 9BE
Proposal: Single storey extension to provide bedroom & ensuite

Ref: P/18/259/FUL
Applicant: Mr C Dixon
Location: 39 Princess Street Maesteg CF34 9BD
Proposal: Conversion of flat roof to pitch roof with slates

There were no observations on the following plans:

Ref: P/18/169/APN
Applicant: Mrs C Morris
Location: Brynlllefrith Farm Caerau Maesteg CF34 0TN
Proposal: New access track to farm

Ref: P/18/172/FUL
Applicant: Mr S Gentle
Location: Land to rear of Llety Tirion Garth Mountain Road Maesteg CF34 0DQ
Proposal: Stable block and tack room

Due to the BCBC website changes and the unavailability of the planning search pages, the following plan will be discussed at a later date:

Ref: P/18/63/FUL
Applicant: Mr M Waldron
Location: Land off Dyffryn Madoc Maesteg CF34 9RF
Proposal: Erection of agricultural barn (New location plan received)

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

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Mayor