

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the Council held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 2nd October 2018.**

PRESENT:

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

APOLOGIES for absence received from Councillors R Collins, D K Edwards and D L Evans.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

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.

135 POLICE MATTERS

The Mayor welcomed PCSO's Gareth Stoneham and Abby Howells to the meeting.

Maesteg Crime Statistics for September 2018

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	0	1	3	1	5
Burglary other	0	0	0	0	0
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0

Theft from vehicle	0	0	2	0	2
All other theft	3	0	8	0	11
Damage	2	7	8	0	17
Assault with injury	8	5	9	2	24 (13 D/V)
All crime total	13	13	30	3	59
Anti-social behaviour	11	9	9	3	32
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

CRIME STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	4	0	0	0	4
Burglary other	0	1	2	0	3
Theft of vehicle	0	0	1	0	1 (secure)
Theft from vehicle	0	0	1	0	1 (secure)
All other theft	1	5	14	0	20
Damage	1	2	6	0	9
Assault with injury	13	4	11	1	29
All crime total	19	12	35	1	67
Anti-social behaviour	11	6	13	1	31
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

- Members were advised that there has been an increase in the number of shoplifting incidents within the town and that 2 of the known perpetrators are now in custody.
- Members were requested to advise residents not to advertise on social media when they are away on holiday as these messages are available to the local thieves.

The following was discussed:

- Further concerns were raised with the increase of motorbikes on the Llynfi Woodland Site and cycle track, with walkers almost being knocked over by these youths.

PCSO Stoneham advised that they had recently held a joint operation with Natural Resources Wales to try and catch perpetrators; however,

this had proved to be unsuccessful and it was felt that this was due to the operation being undertaken on a Saturday. It was the consensus that Sunday afternoons is the most prevalent day for these activities, where they come down the side of the mountain and over the stream.

PCSO Stoneham advised that a further joint operation will be arranged as soon as possible.

- Concerns were raised by members of the public with regard to youths carrying air rifles on this site,

PCSO Stoneham requested that members of the public be advised that when anyone is seen with an air rifle, that this is reported via 101.

Council requested that SW Police advertise on their Twitter pages that they are increasing patrols and monitoring the site for people carrying out motorbike activity and in possession of air rifles.

- An update was requested regarding the spate of trespassing, attempted burglary and damage at Nantfyllon Primary School by pupils of Maesteg Comprehensive School. Concerns were expressed with regard to these pupils not attending school.

PCSO Howells advised that this incident is still under investigation; the local PCSO's have issued ASBO's in the area and added Nantfyllon Primary School to the way-marker list (whereby if any incidents are reported they increase patrols in the area). Letter drops have also been undertaken in the surrounding areas asking the local residents that if they witness any anti social behaviour they report it immediately..

- It was reported that a local resident in Victoria Street, Caerau, has had his vehicle tyres slashed a number of times and that his bouncy castle has also been damaged.

PCSO's advised to report every incident immediately via 101.

- An update was requested regarding the recent break at the Iced Cake Parlour, Talbot Street.

PCSO Stoneham advised that this incident is still being investigated.

- Council thanked PCSO Howells for her recent visit to Caerau Primary School; however they are still having issues with obstructive parking. It was noted that this has been taken to BCBC by the local borough councillor who is in the process of arranging a meeting between the school, traffic & transportation and the PCSO's.

- Off road parking on pavements is becoming a major problem in many areas of the Valley.

PSCO Stoneham advised that if a wheelchair, pedestrians and prams can get through then they are unable to prosecute; however, they have been advised that with the introduction of daily operations by the BCBC parking enforcement car, members of the public have been booked for parking on pavements where there are double yellow lines.

The Mayor thanked PCSO's Stoneham and Howells for attending the meeting.

136 MAYOR'S REPORT

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

- 100th Birthday Mrs Emily McNamara - 7th September 2018
- MacMillan Coffee Morning – 21st September 2018
- Sister Act – 26th September 2018
- Strive Meeting – 27th September 2018
- BCBC Civic Service – 30th September 2018

137 MINUTES

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

MATTERS ARISING

138 MINUTE 106

NOTICE OF VACANCY - NANTYFYLLON WARD

Following the Notice of Vacancy for Nantfyllon Ward, BCBC Electoral Department have confirmed that there will be an election, details of which will be sent to the Clerk on 11th October 2018 and published on 12th October 2018.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the information.
- (ii) The Clerk to confirm to Members once documentation is received.

139 **MINUTE 107**

FIRST CYMRU BUS SERVICE NO 79

Council were advised that the bus had broken down on Monday, 1st October, with no replacement being provided, leaving residents without transport within the Valley.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to write to First Cymru to enquire why a replacement bus not supplied and advising the concerns of users of this service.

140 **MINUTE 124**

TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL CLERKS' MEETING

In response to Maesteg Town Council's request, BCBC have arranged a further Code of Conduct training session with Kelly Watson, Head of Legal & Regulatory Services:

Monday 29th November 2018, 6pm until 8pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend. Car parking will be available under the Civic Offices.

It is important that Members who have not received this training take advantage of this session to safeguard themselves.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to BCBC to clarify the date of the Code of Conduct training; confirmed Monday, 29th October 2018.

141 **MINUTE 126**

FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS

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

1. Garth Primary School
2. Caerau Primary School
3. MacMillan Cancer Support
4. Maesteg Judo Club (Carrie-Anne Evans)

RESOLVED: To note the information.

142 **LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2018**

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

CORRESPONDENCE

143 **CHRIS ELMORE MP SEPTEMBER ADVICE SURGERY**

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

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

144 **ENABLING NATURAL RESOURCES AND WELL-BEING IN WALES 2019-2023 - CALL FOR GRANT PROPOSALS**

Received e-mail confirming Welsh Government revised grant arrangements to support implementation of the Natural Resources Policy.

The grant is open to a wide range of organisations working in a collaborative way to deliver activity under the themes of action and will provide both revenue and capital funding to support delivery. Interested organisations are encouraged to explore potential collaborations and project ideas via the ENRaW Grant group on Yammer.

Council was requested to spread the word about the new grant and to encourage individuals to join the discussion on Yammer; they will need to e-mail mailbox EnvironmentGrants@gov.wales via their business e-mail; they will then be sent an invite to the online group.

E-mail forwarded to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

145 **REFERRALS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2018**

• **STREETLIGHTING REFERRALS**

- Streetlight in Llynfi Road Car Park – entrance to back of car park, the light cover is hanging off, dangerous.
- Streetlight Brodawel not working.
- Streetlight on the approach road Crown Row – Ffordd Dysgu not working.
- Streetlight bottom of Plasnewydd Street.
- Streetlight in Llynfi Lane (lane linking Plasnewydd Street with Talbot Street)

RESPONSE: Orders have been issued to inspect to identify the repairs required.

- **BLOCKED DRAIN**

Drain near to the Crown Row / Crown Road junction is blocked with overgrowth.

RESPONSE: Confirmation received; they have been added to the cleansing schedule and will be cleared in due course.

- **BUS STATION TOILETS**

Bus station toilets not open on the weekend of 22nd September.

Awaiting a reponse

- **NON COLLECTION OF WASTE**

Waste not collected from 56 & 57 Herman Road, which has now been strewn on the road.

RESPONSE: Kier have checked their system and both numbers 56 & 57 exceeded the 2 bag limit; the crew took photographs as evidence. This has now been passed to Cleanupthecounty.

Council were advised that not all the waste is from these properties.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

146 BRIDGEND REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) - CALL FOR CANDIDATE SITE SUBMISSIONS (8 WEEK CONSULTATION 14/09/2018 – 09/11/2018)

Bridgend County Borough Council is preparing a Replacement Local Development Plan (LDP) for the County Borough. The next stage in the LDP process involves work on preparing Pre-deposit proposals. The first stage is to ask developers, land-owners and the public to nominate 'Candidate Sites' for potential allocation in the emerging LDP.

This could be for any land use including:

- residential
- employment
- retailing
- public open space,
- minerals development
- waste developments
- community uses
- tourism uses

There is no guarantee that sites suggested at this stage will be taken forward; however, their submission will enable the Council to assess the

availability of sites when formulating a Plan Vision and subsequent Strategic Options for development across the County Borough. The Candidate Site Assessment Questionnaire is an important part of this process and has been designed to ensure integration between the Sustainability Appraisal and the site selection process. The questionnaire will help ensure that interested parties include sufficient information and data to allow the Local Planning Authority to make a robust assessment.

If the Council would like to nominate a site for consideration, a plan outlining the site with an Ordnance Survey base should be submitted together with the assessment questionnaire. The questionnaire asks general questions about the site and its characteristics and will aid in its future assessment for LDP purposes.

Copies of the Candidate Site Questionnaire are available: from the Planning Department, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB during normal office hours and at any library within the County Borough.

To download the questionnaire and guidance notes visit the Council's 'Development Planning' website at:
<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-control/development-planning/replacement-bridgend-local-development-plan-2018-to-2033/>

Any sites submitted without a completed assessment questionnaire form will not be considered.

The deadline for return of plans and forms is 5pm on 9th November 2018, although earlier submissions than this date would be appreciated.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

147 LICENSING POLICY CONSULTATION GAMBLING ACT 2005

Overview

Under the Gambling Act 2005, the Council, as the licensing authority, is required to adopt a statement of principles, setting out how it will deal with various applications for licences and permits. The council is required to review this statement at least every three years.

The council is consulting on the next three year policy statement and welcomes views from the public and other interested parties.

Gambling is a popular leisure activity that is enjoyed by many. There are various forms of gambling, including playing bingo, betting, or playing gaming machines. The council is responsible for licensing premises and issuing permits to gambling premises but the Gambling Commission is the overall regulator for gambling in the United Kingdom. The council is not responsible for regulating online gaming.

The proposal

No new trends or concerns have emerged in the past three years. There are therefore no new policy changes proposed at this stage. The Statement of Principles has been revised to update the local area profile (numbers of premises) and contact details; however, your views may help identify a new issue or inform our future compliance programme.

The Council is under a legal duty to review its policy guidelines. The policy will help applicants for licences and the public to understand the profile of the county borough and the decision making process.

This consultation period will begin on the 31 August 2018 and close on the 9 November 2018 and can be found on the following link:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/my-council/equalities-and-engagement/consultations/current-consultations/>

RESOLVED: Individual Councillors to respond directly.

148 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Received Temporary Road Closure notification for Bridgend Road, Garth, 20 metres either side of rail bridge. 25th –26th September 2018.

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

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

149 BAVO - REMEMBRANCE DAY SILHOUETTE INSTALLATION GRANTS

E-mail received regarding the above and forwarded to all Councillors.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

150 ROYAL MAIL SCAM MAIL POSTER

Poster received regarding the above placed on notice board and forwarded to all Councillors.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

151 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – MAESTEG BRANCH 1918 EXHIBITION

Letter received from the above conveying their most grateful thanks for the Council's continued support and the use of the Council building as a venue in which to hold the 1918 Exhibition?

“Over the past four years we have remembered those men who lost their lives in World War 1. This current Exhibition is the last to do so. It commemorates the 116 men who lost their lives between 21 March to the 11 November 1918. In many cases we have been able to trace them from Birth to Death.

We know where they were born, where they lived, what their occupation was before enlisting into his Majesty's Forces, the regiment in which they served, battles in which they fought and died, medals and awards achieved, the effects left behind and where they now lay at rest.

The result of the exhibition means that we can close the book of remembrance on the 439 men from Maesteg and District who gave their lives in WW1. The exhibition opens to the Public on October 25 until 15 November 2018 between the Hours of 10.00am to 4.00pm.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Maesteg Branch Royal British Legion to enquire whether the exhibition will be opened on weekends and evenings.

152 CHRIS ELMORE MP OCTOBER ADVICE SURGERY

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

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

153 CONSULTATION - UNADOPTED ROADS IN WALES

Following concerns expressed by Welsh Assembly members regarding the number of unadopted roads in Wales and the issues that can arise as a result of unadopted roads, the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport at Welsh Government has given a commitment to work with the Welsh Local Government Association to undertake a review of the situation. Such issues include the lack of maintenance, access difficulties for essential services and legal difficulties between householders and developers.

Currently, there is no meaningful measure of what the extent of unadopted roads across Wales is, and also what indeed are the issues that arise from unadopted roads.

Based around the analysis and consideration of the data that we collect, a report will be produced that will provide an early assessment of the situation, and will make recommendations as to how to deal with currently known issues together with recommending measures to prevent further such situations being created for the future.

It is hoped that your organisation will assist the process by completing the consultation documents in the links below. Clearly, not all the questions will be relevant to every organisation, but it is hoped that you will be able to provide as much information as is available to you where possible.

Part 1	https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SKR26/ Please respond by Friday 12 October 2018.
Part 2	https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TCWW1/ Please respond by Friday 2 November 2018.
Part 3	https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TZT40/ Please respond by Friday 2 November 2018.

RESOLVED:

- (i) Clerk to respond to Part 1.
- (ii) Cllr May to review Parts 2 & 3 with recommended responses to be sent to Members for comment before the online forms returned.

154 BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PARKING CHARGES

E-mail received regarding the above and forwarded to all Councillors for information.

In accordance with Regulation 6 the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 the Council is now undertaking a consultation exercise in respect of these proposals and any person wishing to make a representation or objection must do so in writing or by e-mail by the 23rd October 2018 addressed to carparks@bridgend.gov.uk

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

155 SHAPING BRIDGEND'S FUTURE

Received above consultation posters, placed on notice board, website and also e-mailed to all Councillors.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

156 NEW BIN REQUEST

Request received for a new litter bin to be placed along the new tarmarced area in the ASDA car park near to the walkway linking with Ferriers Row as this area is extensively used by the public and pupils of Maesteg School.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to ASDA to request the provision and maintenance of a bin at this location

157 RCT PENSION FUND AGM

Annual RCT Pension Fund AGM to be held 13th November 2018, 10am – 12:30pm, Council Chambers, Clydach Vale.

Following discussion, it was agreed not to send a delegate,

RESOLVED: To note the information.

158 PROPOSED TRAFFIC ORDER – BRIDGEND ROAD, MAESTEG

Received the above proposed traffic order for Bridgend Road for the junction of the Bridgend Extra Care Site, Bridgend Road, Maesteg. The proposed scheme is to be funded by the contractor. Letter and plan e-mailed to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: To note and to confirm the action taken.

159 IRPW DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT CONSULTATION - FEBRUARY 2019

The Independent Remuneration Panel draft Annual Report 2019/20 has now been published for consultation and is available on its website through the related link on the right hand side of this web page:

<https://gov.wales/irpwsb/home/publication-reports/draft-annual-report-2019-20/?lang=en>

Section 13 relates specifically to Community and Town Councils.

The Panel would be grateful for members to discuss the contents of the draft report and to make any comments to IRPMailbox@gov.wales by 27th November 2018.

Consultation e-mailed to all Councillors for information, with original copy in the Clerk's office.

RESOLVED: To Agenda this for discussion in November meeting.

160 TRAFFIC ORDERS

Cllr Penhale-Thomas met with the Traffic and Transportation team from BCBC at a site meeting to discuss issues of obstructive parking at Ivor Street. A solution was put forward by the traffic officer to extend the double yellow lines on both sides of the entrance to Ivor Street from Station Street up to the first residential properties on both sides of the street.

There is currently no funding available within the authority to pursue such measures - a legal order costs in the range of £7K to £10K - but the traffic officer did say that the council would benefit from submitting a number of traffic orders together for the same price. Porthcawl Town Council is working on 19 traffic orders at the moment which is being dealt with collectively under one cost of c. £10K.

The Traffic and Transportation unit is happy to look at other potential traffic orders that address similar problems in the Llynfi Valley and carry out feasibility assessments as to whether options are available to address the issues. Any potential traffic orders submitted would be covered under the one cost.

A discussion took place regarding the obstructive parking and lack of access to certain streets for emergency services. It was recommended that Councillors compile lists of streets within their wards affected and it was

RESOLVED: To Agenda this for discussion in November meeting.

161 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

No reports received for September 2018.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

162 DELEGATES' REPORTS

No reports received for September 2018.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

163 PLANS

Cllrs P White, R Penhale-Thomas 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/18/643/FUL
Applicant: Mr D Bryan
Location: 32 Albert Street Maesteg CF34 0UF
Proposal: New bedroom addition over existing kitchen/bathroom annexe

Ref: P/18/694/FUL
Applicant: Forge Travel Ltd
Location: Forge Travel Ltd Forge Industrial Estate Maesteg CF34 0AY
Proposal: Provision of 2.4m high green pep mesh fencing to enclose part western boundary of site and 2.4m high gates to entrance

Ref: P/18/723/FUL
Applicant: Mr R Jones
Location: 204 Bridgend Road Maesteg CF34 0NA
Proposal: First floor rear extension

Ref: P/18/761/LIS
Applicant: Bridgend County Borough Council
Location: Maesteg Town Hall Talbot Street Maesteg CF34 9DA
Proposal: Repair, alteration and extension of Maesteg Town Hall to include internal alterations, essential fabric repairs, and the creation of a new-build extension to provide a new foyer and studio theatre alongside the existing performance space and a new community learning space within the existing lower ground floor

Cllr W May asked for his objections for this plan to be noted.

Ref: P/18/762/BCB
Applicant: Bridgend County Borough Council

Location: Maesteg Town Hall Talbot Street Maesteg CF34 9DA
Proposal: Repair, alteration and extension of Maesteg Town Hall to include internal alterations, essential fabric repairs, and the creation of a new-build extension to provide a new foyer and studio theatre alongside the existing performance space and a new community learning space within the existing lower ground floor

Cllr W May asked for his objections for this plan to be noted.

Ref: P/18/765/FUL
Applicant: R J Murray Construction Ltd
Location: Site adjacent 113 Bridgend Road Maesteg
Proposal: Amended proposal incorporating 3 no. 3 bed link houses and 1 no. one and half storey 3 bed dwelling.

Members of the Council agreed to support the officers views on the following plan:

Ref: P/18/699/FUL
Applicant: Mr L Norman
Location: 28 Cemetery Road Maesteg CF34 0LW
Proposal: Retention of feather edge wooden fence at the front and side of property

Members of the Council had no observations on the following plan:

Ref: P/18/754/FUL
Applicant: R J Murray Construction Services Limited
Location: Land south of 110 Tonna Road Maesteg
Proposal: Six new houses

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

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