

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, 21st May 2019.**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

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

A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of Mrs Marion Rogers; a friend and ambassador to Maesteg Town Council.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr R Collins.

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 L Beedle stated she was proud to serve alongside her committed colleagues on the Town Council who have vision and a focus on benefitting the community.

Cllr Beedle and her Consort, Cllr T Beedle, have enjoyed many engagements during the year, which included being an Ambassador on behalf of the Council at Dignatory and Charity events within Bridgend Borough Council, educational visits, community projects, open days, environmental projects, concerts, celebrations of 100th birthday and 50/60 years Wedding Anniversaries, together with supporting many organisations, societies and choirs.

The 2018 Gwyl Maesteg Festival was a truly successful extravaganza of events involving many differing community groups of all ages.

Cllr Beedle expressed the Council's huge debt of gratitude to the volunteer supporters whose enthusiasm achieves the massive successes, in not only the Festival, but also the magnificent Christmas Parade and Festivities. The Mayor expressed her 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 of the Llynfi Valley. This variety of magnificent talent keeps our Valley alive and vibrant.

Tribute to the members of Maesteg Royal British Legion for organising the exhibition in commemoration of the silent soldiers who died in the

The Mayor referred to the Mayor's Trust Fund, which has raised funds for her charities. An ambitious programme of events organised throughout the year and the work of the committed Committee members and supporting volunteers having raised over £4000; grateful thanks were extended to all.

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

The Mayor wished the Mayor Elect, Cllr Stephen Smith, the very best for the coming year, giving assurance that he will be a great ambassador for the Town.

2. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL 2019/2020

RESOLVED: That Councillor Stephen Smith be appointed Mayor of the Council for 2019/2020.

Councillor Smith 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 she had rendered to the Council during the year.

The Consort's Chain of Office was then presented to Mrs Catherine Farmer, Consort, for the year 2019/2020, who in turn presented a gift to Cllr T Beedle as a gesture of thanks from the Council for the duties performed as the Past Mayor's Consort.

4. TRIBUTES TO THE PAST MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL

Members representing each Ward of the Council commended the way that Cllr Lynne Beedle and her Consort had conducted their duties within her year of Office.

5. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR OF THE COUNCIL 2019/2020

RESOLVED: That Councillor A James be appointed Deputy Mayor of the Council for 2019/2020.

6. GOVERNING BODIES OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Caerau Primary School	Cllr R Davies - term ends August 2021
Nantffyllon Primary School	Cllr A James – term ends March 2022
Plasnewydd Primary School	Cllr G Thomas – term ends May 2023
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 R Davies – terms ends May 2023

RESOLVED: That the above appointments be confirmed.

7. To confirm Membership of the Finance Committee for 2019/2020 to carry out Internal Audit Function in compliance with the Account & Audit Regulations:

Councillors: Mayor- S B Smith, (Chair) W May, L Beedle, C Reeves, P Davies, P White, R Collins.

8. To confirm Membership of the Planning Committee for 2019/20:

Councillors: (Chair) S B Smith, I Williams, P W Jenkins, R Lewis, A James.

9. To confirm Membership of the Events Committee for 2019/20:

(Meetings open to all Members of Council)

Councillors: (Mayor) S B Smith (Chair), R L Penhale-Thomas, P Davies, R Collins, R Lewis.

10. To confirm Membership of the Rights of Way/Environment Committee for 2019/20:

Councillors: (Mayor) Smith (Chair), D K Edwards, A James, R Martin, R Lewis.

Co-opted Members: R Meredith, G White.

11. To confirm Membership of the Property/Health & Safety Committee for 2019/2020:

Councillors: I Williams (Chair), W May, G Thomas, P W Jenkins, R Martin.

12. To confirm Membership of the Personnel Committee for 2019/2020:

Councillors: G Thomas (Chair), L Thomas, D K Edwards, R Martin, C Reeves.

13. To confirm Membership of the Communications Committee for 2019/2020:

Councillors: R Davies (Chair), L Thomas, R Penhale-Thomas, A James, P Davies.

14. To confirm membership of the Policy Committee for 2019/2020:

Councillors: C Reeves (Chair), I Williams, P W Jenkins, R Martin, P White.

15. To confirm membership of the Projects Committee for 2019/2020:

Full Council.

16. To confirm membership of the Reading Committee for 2019/2020:

Full Council.

17. To confirm the delegate to serve on the BCBC Town & Community Council Forum for 2019/2020:

Councillor: P W Jenkins.

18. To confirm delegates to serve on the Awen Cultural Trust Group for 2019/2020:

Councillors: I Williams, P W Jenkins, R Lewis, C Reeves.

19. To confirm delegate(s) to serve on the Llynfi Valley River Care & Environment Group for 2019/2020:

Councillor: R Martin.

(2 Councillors to be appointed by Council as and when required to attend meetings)

20. To confirm delegates to serve on the Natural Resources Wales “Spirit of the Llynfi Woodland” Group 2019/2020:

Councillor: A James, Mr R Meredith (co-opted).

21. To confirm the Diversity Champion 2019/2020:

Councillor: R Lewis.

22. To confirm and ratify the following documents:

Standing Orders
Code of Conduct

**Read and accepted at a meeting
of the Council held on 4th June 2019**

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Mayor