

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 July 2019**.

PRESENT:

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

The Mayor, Councillor S Smith, and Members of the Council stood for a “minute silence” for the late Mr Gary Bevan, past Councillor.

APOLOGIES for absence received from Councillors P W Jenkins, R Davies, A James and P White

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllrs 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.

Cllr I A Williams declared an interest in items that may relate to Llangynwyd Middle Community Council.

Cllr C Reeves declared an interest in the Planning application P/19/434/FUL.

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

46 POLICE MATTERS

The Mayor welcomed PC Johnson and PCSO Julie Banks to the meeting; Members were provided with the following police figures:

Maesteg Crime Statistics for June 2018

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	1	0	0	0	1
Dwelling burglary	2	1	3	0	6
Burglary other	1	1	0	0	2
Theft of vehicle	2	1	1	0	4
Theft from vehicle	0	0	1	0	1
All other theft	0	0	0	1	1
Damage	6	4	9	0	19
Assault with injury	13	0	6	1	19
All crime total	25	7	20	1	53
Anti-social behaviour total	22	9	9	3	43
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

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All other theft	2	0	6	0	8
Damage	1	3	7	1	12
Assault with injury	7	6	3	2	18
All crime total	13	11	17	3	44
Anti-social behaviour total	8	6	9	1	24
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

PC Johnson advised the following:

- Drug warrant arrest in Railway Terrace, Caerau - the perpetrator was recently sentenced to 5 ½ years' imprisonment.
- Ten “stop searches” carried out in Caerau and Maesteg, resulting in five vehicles being identified for no insurance.

- A number of grass fires have been reported recently. South Wales Police will be discussing joint operations with South Wales Fire & Rescue to combat this problem.
- PCSO's are planning a number of project days with the local schools to highlight the danger of swimming in quarries and rivers.
- CCTV cameras update – positioned at South Parade and Greenways, Park Estate. The CCTV camera on Llynfi Road has been removed; no incidents of anti social behaviour for sometime. Concerns received from the residents of this action; worried youths may return to this location. PCSOs in discussion with residents.
- Nantyllyllon Chemist bin has been targeted by youths; confirmed the bin is always locked and no bags left outside.
- Anti Social Behaviour, Noddfa location – increase of patrols by PCSOs. Several youths have been identified and spoken to; the playing of ball games has decreased.
- PCSOs will be supporting the Summer Playschemes for young people, held at Halo Leisure Centre Maesteg and Caerau Community Centre.
- PACT meeting – Cwm Calon Maesteg, 4th July 2019.

Members questions:

- **Fire Pits (*Agenda item 312, 2nd April 2019*)**
The clerk advised that a recent joint meeting had been convened with South Wales Police, South Wales Fire and Rescue, Bridgend County Borough Council, Clerk of Maesteg Town Council and a local resident who had suggested the provision of Fire Pits at locations within the Town. Currently in discussion stage; further further research required from other bodies, together with views from the above organisations. The Clerk to keep Members advised on progress.
- **Anti Social Behaviour - location of Ferriers Row/ bottom end of ASDA car park, new hot spot with youths taking drugs, smashing windows, damaging cars, etc.**
PCSO Banks advised that PCSO's have increased patrols in the area and will continue.
- **Obstructive parking in Pit Street/Pond Mawr, including large vehicle parked on junction Bridgend Road, making it impossible for refuse collectors accessing these streets.**
PCSO Banks advised that PCSO's will increase patrols in the area and speak to the residents.

- Operations update on the constant speeding of cars in the early hours of the morning through Salisbury Road, Neath Road and Heol Ty Gwyn.

PCSO Banks advised that the GO SAFE partnership now have night time cameras. A number of vehicles had been recently identified and that vehicles are using a circuit from Maesteg, over the Bwlch mountain and into other areas. Will update Council on this concern.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the crime figures.
- (ii) To await further responses/reports of concerns raised.

47 MAYORAL EVENTS

7th June	Gŵyl Maesteg Festival – Lets Be Frank
8th June	Gŵyl Maesteg Festival – Hospital Fete
11th June	Mayor’s Charity AGM Meeting
12th June	Gŵyl Maesteg Festival – Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea
15th June	Gŵyl Maesteg Festival – Variety Show
20th June	Record of Achievement Ceremony – Maesteg Campus of Bridgend College
23rd June	Gŵyl Maesteg Festival – Sophie Evans
24th June	Bridgend Scouts AGM
29th June	Children’s Choir Annual Concert
1st July	Mayor’s Charity Meeting

Deputy Mayor

16th June	Gŵyl Maesteg Festival – Classic Car Show
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48 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4th June 2019; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read, accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

MATTERS ARISING

49 MINUTE 28 GWYL MAESTEG FESTIVAL 2019

Up-date report received by Members:

- Friday 7th June, Llynfi Valley Amateur Dramatic Society had the town hall in stitches with “Let’s be Frank”.
- Saturday 8th June, Hospital Fete with great attendance. Grateful thanks received from the Chairman of the Hospital League of Friends for the Council’s continued support and the help provided by members and clerks on the day.
- Saturday 8th June, Band Night, “Pardon Madame”
- Wednesday 12th June, senior citizens relished afternoon tea with entertainment from the local primary schools.
- Thursday, 13th June, “Heritage walk and talk” was enjoyed by members of the public who braved the elements in search of the grade II listed buildings within the town.
- Saturday, 15th June, “Variety Show” wowed audiences with singers, comedians and dancers.
- Sunday, 16th June, “Llynfi Valley Classic Car Show” entertained many car enthusiasts.
- Monday 17th June “Devoted to Dance”. Almost 100 dancers from Contagious, Funk Force and UDC had the experience of attending a workshop with professional dancer Kaea Pearce. Sincere thanks received from Natilie Davies, Funk Force, who organised the event. “If it was not for the support of Maesteg Town Council and the Festival, this unique event would not have happened.”
- Saturday, 22nd June, another Band Night, with T*I*N L*I*D*S performing.
Both Band nights were well supported and enjoyed by many.
- Gŵyl Maesteg Festival 2019 officially closed on Sunday 23rd June, with “Sophie Evans in Concert” a superb performance by the West End star and supporting singers.
- Ongoing until 19th July 2019, Exhibition in the Council Offices of various artwork pieces of our Primary School pupils. Pupils are continuing to visit the Exhibition; with members of the public taking an interest too.

The Clerk advised that a breakdown of income / expenditure/ ticket sales would be available to Council in due course.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

50 **MINUTE 30**
LITTER BINS

E-mail received from Bridgend County Borough Council advising that bins will be removed from various locations within the Town as part of a refurbishment or replacing process. Information sent to Councillors.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

51 **MINUTE 31**
MAESTEG BUS STATION PUBLIC TOILETS

(i) Update - 6th June 2019

- The Gents toilets were re-opened and drains cleared.
- Town Hall have confirmed that the toilets are checked several times daily.
- Notices have been placed advising public that any complaints should be directed to the Town Hall staff.

RESOLVED: A statement to be placed on the Council's Website; copied to Members for their information to pass on to constituents.

(ii) Future Provision

Clerk advised Members that no response had been received from Bridgend County Borough Council with regard to Council's request that 'when tenders are sought for the Town Hall refurbishment work, that it be a requirement that temporary toilets are provided during the duration of closure'. (**Minute 286, 18th February 2019**).

RESOLVED: Clerk to request a response from BCBC.

52 **MINUTE 41**
CELTIC BOWLING CLUB

Councillors D K Edwards and I Williams declared an interest in this item.

In response to a query raised with regard to a letter of moral support to be sent to the above Club, the Clerk confirmed to Members that the Community Asset Manager, BCBC, had advised that discussions had

taken place with the users of the Garth Welfare Park with regard to CAT; however, no way forward had been determined. Therefore, it was agreed by Council, not being owners of this location, that they were unable to assist the Club in CAT. A letter of moral support was deemed to be inappropriate at this time, as there are several users involved in the process with no options determined or agreed to date.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to the Club re-affirming the Council's decision.

53 **MINUTE 42**
FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS

Letter of thanks and acknowledgement for financial support received from:

- Children with Cancer
- Urdd Eisteddfod 2019
- Sandville Self Help Centre
- Open Spaces Society
- Vernon Hartshorn Exhibition – A letter received from Huw Irranca-Davies AM thanking the Town Council for their assistance and generous help.

RESOLVED: To note the information.

54 **LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2019**

RESOLVED: That the List of Payments made by the Council during the month of June 2019; copy of which had been circulated to Members, be accepted, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

Detailed reports on the Rights of Way and Environment works carried out to date, together with quarterly Account Report, would be made available in due course to the relevant Committees for recommendations to Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

55 NEWSLETTERS/BULLETINS/ POSTERS

The following received and available in Clerk's Office for Members' information:

- BAVO - funding and training e-bulletins
- Play for Wales Newsletter
- Open Spaces Summer 2019 Newsletter
- Urdd Eisteddfod 2019 programme
- Cwm Calon Community Hub Open Day Poster – 13th July 2019
- Kick Cancers Butt Poster – 4th August 2019
- Hartshorn House
- Vernon Hartshorn Exhibition
- Chris Elmore MP July advice surgery poster

Posters have been placed onto the noticeboard and e-mailed to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

56 REFERRALS MONTH OF JUNE 2019

• POTHLES

- Outside 22 Castle Street.
Awaiting response
- Outside 33 Aneurin Bevan's Way.
Awaiting response.
- Outside 1 Maple Terrace; also pavement cracked.
Awaiting response.

• STREETLIGHTS

- Streetlight out location Masons Arms, Nantyffyllon.
RESPONSE: BCBC confirmed job ticket raised (274592) and the street lighting unit will be attending and provided a supply is still available will be repaired.

• RECYCLING CONTAINERS

The following recycling containers requested:

- Containers and bags – Cavan Row
- Blue general waste bags – Oakwood Estate, Bethania Street
- Food waste bags – Park View
- Orange (Cardboard) sack – Duke Street

- RESPONSE:** Requests have been processed; allow at least 10 working days for delivery.
- **OVERFLOWING BINS**
 - Bin at the top of the steps from Masons Arms to Forge Factory Site.
RESPONSE: BCBC is aware of this overflowing bin with a high volume of domestic waste being placed at this location. BCBC continue to monitor the bin and will be taking the necessary action.
 - Bin outside 7 Meadow Street
RESPONSE: BCBC have arranged to have the bin emptied.
 - **OVERGROWTH**
 - Roadside Vegetation at Crown Row, Maesteg.
RESPONSE: No action is deemed necessary at this time; however, the site will be added to the works register for action when resources and funds permit.
 - The lane linking Mill View with the Garth Inn (Rights of Way)
RESPONSE: Rights of Way Contractor cleared.
 - **RATS**
Report received of rats in the lane between Church Street and Meadow Street.
RESPONSE: Awaiting response.
 - **COMPLAINT ABOUT HEOL TY GWYN RECYCLING CENTRE**
An elderly resident advised that on visiting the Heol Ty Gwyn recycling centre and having asked for assistance in emptying pop-up garden waste containers (containing grass); however, two of the operatives were very rude and advised they would not help her in case of injury. Their attitude and language was very imposing and the resident was extremely upset as she has never been refused help before.
Awaiting response.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

57 **NOTICE OF CONSULTATION - STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

BCBC is consulting on its Statement of Licensing Policy, which covers how the Council intends to carry out its functions as a licensing authority. The draft policy covers the licensing of pubs, club premises, takeaways, shops and off-licences and temporary events.

Full details of the consultation and how to respond can be found here:
<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/my-council/equalities-and-engagement/consultations/current-consultations/licensing-policy-consultation/>

RESOLVED: To note the information.

58 GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Flowers and celebration card sent to Cllr & Mrs P Jenkins for celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

59 LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

Letter of condolence sent on behalf of the Mayor and Members of the Council to the family of the recently deceased Mr Gary Bevan; previous Councillor.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action.

60 FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS

The Clerk confirmed no applications received.

61 PARKS & PAVILIONS CONSULTATION 2019

Members of the thanked Council W May for completing the Consultation Document. Following discussion on amendments and decision made not to tick the boxes as they related to personal responses, it was

RESOLVED:

- (i) A letter accompanies the Consultation Document, advising the submission was by Maesteg Town Council.
- (ii) The Clerk was requested to write to Bridgend County Borough Council for confirmation on which Welfare Parks and Play Areas within the four Wards of Maesteg the Borough propose to retain/close.

62 DELEGATES' REPORTS

Members confirmed receipt of the report presented by Mr R Meredith; having attended the recent Armed Forces Covenant Forum Meeting on behalf of Maesteg Town Council.

RESOLVED:

- (iii) To note the comprehensive report.
- (iv) Letter of thanks to be sent to Mr R Meredith.

63 PLANS

Cllrs 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 proposals were received from Bridgend County Borough Council and were discussed by Members:

Ref: P/19/389/FUL
Applicant: Ms L Hardcastle
Location: 15 Duffryn Madog Maesteg CF34 0BE
Proposal: Two storey rear extension

Ref: P/19/410/FUL
Applicant: Mr Y O'Shea
Location: 35 Homfray Street Maesteg CF34 0HW
Proposal: Second storey bedroom/wc addition over existing kitchen

Ref: P/18/936/OUT
Applicant: Mr R Hall to Forest Lodge Kings Terrace Maesteg CF34 0HD
Proposal: Construction of a detached 2/3 bedroom dwelling

Ref: P/19/317/FUL
Applicant: Mr H Morris
Location: 48 Commercial Street Maesteg CF34 9HJ
Proposal: Change of use from A1 shop to residential use on ground floor

Cllr C Reeves declared an interest in the following planning application and took no part in the discussion:

Ref: P/19/434/FUL
Applicant: Miss R Davies
Location: 25 Salisbury Road Maesteg CF34 9EG
Proposal: Single storey detached garage to rear garden

RESOLVED: To support the above planning applications.

**Read and accepted at a meeting of the Council
held on 6th August 2019**

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Mayor