

## **MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council** held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019.**

#### **PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS:**       **S B Smith (Mayor)**  
I Williams, L Beedle, W May, D K Edwards,  
R Martin, R Penhale-Thomas, L Thomas, G Thomas,  
P Davies, A James and P White

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

**APOLOGIES** for absence received from Councillors R Davies, R Collins, P W Jenkins, C Reeves and R L Lewis

#### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllrs R Penhale-Thomas, P White, 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.

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

#### **64    POLICE MATTERS**

The Mayor welcomed Sgt Karen Merrett and PC Dave Johnson to the meeting; Members were provided with the following police figures:

**Maesteg Crime Statistics for July 2018**

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	2	0	3	1	6
Burglary other	1	1	0	0	2
Theft of vehicle	2	0	1	0	3
Theft from vehicle	0	0	2	0	2
All other theft	4	3	11	0	18
Damage	8	3	5	2	18
Assault with injury	9	8	2	2	21 (19 D/V)
<b>All crime total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Anti-social behaviour total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Drink Driving</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	1	0	2	0	3
Burglary other	0	0	0	1	1
Theft of vehicle	3	0	0	1	4
Theft from vehicle	0	1	0	0	1
All other theft	5	8	11	1	24
Damage	11	5	6	1	23
Assault with injury	3	6	10	3	22
<b>(Total Crime Reported 37)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>All crime total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>Anti-social behaviour total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Drink Driving</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

**Members questions:**

- Anti Social Behaviour – is this rising in any particular area?  
*PC Johnson advised that the increase is not specific to the Town Centre.*
- Homelessness in the Town Centre is becoming an issue with three people currently sleeping rough within the Town. The Clerk confirmed that discussions had taken place with the local PCSO.

*Sgt Merrett advised that they are aware of this issue and that PCSO Banks has engaged with the persons involved offering assistance and lifts to the Wallich etc. However, unless they are committing an offence SW Police are unable to intervene.*

- Speeding vehicles in the early hours of the morning through Town Centre, Salisbury Road, Neath Road, Heol Ty Gwyn and beyond to Caerau. Is it worth contacting 101? As residents unable to provide number details as vehicles are speeding through these locations. *Sgt advised that it is important to log these calls to 101 as it provides evidence and records of the timings of these events. PC Johnson advised that an operation has been done in the last 4 months; however, with the new technology available they will be looking at another joint operation with the GO SAFE partnership.*

**RESOLVED:**

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

**65 MAYORAL EVENTS**

5th July	Vernon Hartshorn Exhibition
9th July	Nantyllyllon Primary School Leavers' concert
12th July	Caerau Primary School Leavers' concert
13th July	Cwm Calon Open Day
17th July	Mayors Charity meeting
20th July	Maesteg Ukulele Festival
21st July	Civic Sunday
23rd July	Golden Wedding Anniversary
25th July	Inauguration of the new Vicar St Michaels Church
29th July	Special Town & Community Forum meeting
4th August	BMX Regional Competition

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**66 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read, accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

## MATTERS ARISING

### 67 MINUTE 42 (June 2019) FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS

Letter of thanks and acknowledgement for financial support received from:

- Maesteg Amateur Operatic Society

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

### 68 MINUTE 51 MAESTEG BUS STATION PUBLIC TOILETS

The following Statement e-mailed to all Councillors and placed on website:

*“Maesteg Town Council have re-opened the public toilets at Maesteg Bus Station after a 5-month closure, by working in partnership with AWEN Cultural trust and Bridgend County Borough Council.*

***The opening times are 6:30am – 5:30pm Monday – Saturday***

*Awen Cultural Trust have day to day responsibility for managing the facilities including cleaning and replenishing supplies.*

*Unfortunately, there have been problems with certain members of the public abusing these facilities. It is in the best interest of everyone that uses the public conveniences that they are respected.*

*Notices placed advising that if there are any issues to contact Maesteg Town Hall staff - 01656 733269.”*

**RESOLVED:** Confirmation of action and to note the information.

### 69 MINUTE 54 RIGHTS OF WAYS MAESTEG

The Clerk advised that a meeting with the Council’s Rights of Way Contractor and Adviser had been held to ascertain and confirm the work programme on Rights of Way located within Maesteg Town Wards. A full report will be available for the Rights of Way/Environment Committee; meeting to be arranged.

The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Report of Maesteg Town Council will be published in September 2019 and sent to households within the “CF34” area.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) To note the information.
- (ii) Members of Council to be invited to the meeting.

**70** **MINUTE 56**  
**REFERRALS MONTH JUNE 2019**

• **POTHOLES**

➤ Potholes outside 1 Maple Terrace and pavement cracked.

**RESPONSE:** Repairs are not required at this time as the defects do not meet the safety defect intervention levels for this category of street; however, the site will be monitored during regular routine inspections.

➤ Large pothole outside 33 Aneurin Bevan's Way.

**RESPONSE:** Inspected and the need for work has been identified. Order issued for works; will be carried out as soon as resources permit.

• **COMPLAINT ABOUT HEOL TY GWYN RECYCLING CENTRE**

Clerk advised that:

(i) No response had been received from Kier with regard to the issue of the purple Absorbent Hygiene Products (AHP) collections not being collected.

(ii) Residents had been advised of the need to re-register for the AHP service.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) To note the information.
- (ii) Clerk to write to BCBC Cabinet Member with regards to the concerns raised regarding Heol Ty Gwyn Recycling Centre.

**71** **MINUTE 61**  
**PARKS & PAVILIONS**  
**MAESTEG TOWN**

Response received from Head of Operations, Community Services, BCBC, regarding the Council's request for an up-date on the future of Parks and Playing fields within Maesteg Town. Following the recent public consultation, a report will be presented to BCBC' Cabinet for consideration in September; decisions made will be forwarded to the Council.

**RESOLVED:** To await developments.

**72**     **LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2019**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**73**     **WRITTEN STATEMENT: NON-DOMESTIC RATES RELIEF FOR PUBLIC LAVATORIES**

The following Written Statement received from Rebecca Evans, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

*Welsh Government recognises that the provision of lavatories for public use can affect the health, dignity and quality of people's lives. Such facilities are valued by local residents and by visitors to an area. We also recognise that local authority provision of public lavatories has declined in recent years. Announcements to be made regarding the introduction of provisions to assist local authorities, and other providers, in keeping standalone public lavatories open without passing on the costs to local taxpayers.*

*The Non-Domestic Rating (Public Lavatories) Bill was introduced in Parliament on 18 June 2019. Provisions have been secured for Wales in this Bill so that, from 1 April 2020, standalone public lavatories will have their rates bills reduced to zero. The provisions will apply to all standalone lavatories which are made available for public use, whether they are owned or operated by public, private or charitable bodies.*

*This will reduce the costs for local authorities and other providers, helping them to maintain public lavatories in their communities. This move illustrates our commitment to maintaining these important local services.*

*The Minister will be promoting the approval of these provisions in the Assembly on 16 July.*

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**74**     **NEWSLETTERS/BULLETINS/ POSTERS**

Available in Clerk's Office for Members' information:

- Employability Bridgend posters

- Play for Wales Newsletter
- Open Spaces Summer 2019 Newsletter
- Chris Elmore MP August advice surgery dates

Posters placed on notice boards for information.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**75 SURVEY ON PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION**

Survey received from the Welsh Senate of Older People about public toilet provision. E-mail forwarded to all Councillors for information.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**76 REFERRALS MONTH OF JULY 2019**

- **POTHLES**
  - Large pothole on pavement outside 22 Castle Street.  
Awaiting response
- **STREETLIGHTS**
  - Street light outside 20 Brookfield Road  
Awaiting response
- **RECYCLING CONTAINERS**  
The following recycling containers requested:
  - Food waste bags – Duffryn Maddog**RESPONSE:** Request has been processed; allow at least 10 working days for delivery.

**RESOLVED:** Confirmation of action and to note the information.

**77 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 Peter Clements, former Councillor.

**RESOLVED:** Confirmation of action and to note the information.

**78 BT PUBLIC TELEPHONES CONSULTATION**

BT consultation letter received via BCBC Planning department with the locations of BT public payphones which they intend to remove.

The following payphones are on the list for Maesteg:

Tel. no.	Address	Post Code	No. of calls in last 12 months
01656 732014	Oakwood	CF34 9UD	0
01656 732024	High Street	CF34 0AS	24
01656 732093	Jct. Garnwen Tce and Picton St	CF34 0EW	0
01656 732164	Tonna Road	CF34 0RY	22
01656 732292	Bethania Street	CF34 9DJ	66
01656 732304	Heol Faen	CF43 0JA	11

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**79 SPIRIT OF LLYNFI WOODLAND SITE**

The Llynfi Woodland Group has successfully helped the Spirit of Llynfi Woodland Site achieve Green Flag Community Status.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**80 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LAYING OF MAESTEG STANDARD**

A request has been received from the Maesteg Branch of the British Legion to lay the Maesteg “old” standard within the Council Chamber which will entail a special service to be held to commemorate the “laying”.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) Clerk to liaise with the Royal British Legion for date
- (ii) Light refreshments to be provided following the service (Part B)

**81 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014  
PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER DOG CONTROL**

Following the results of the public consultation exercise reported to a full meeting of the Cabinet Committee, BCBC, on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019, a decision was made to implement the above.

The Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Dog Control will impose the following conditions on the use of Public Open Spaces:-

- a) Person(s) within the Restricted Area will collect and dispose of the faeces of dogs within their control by removing it and depositing the dog faeces in a bag which should be left in a litter bin or taken home



- b) Person(s) within the Restricted Area who have dogs within their control must carry bags or other suitable means for the collection of dog faeces
- c) Person(s) within the Restricted Area must when requested to do so by an Authorised Officer place dogs in their control on a lead. The Authorised Officer must specify the location and duration covered by a direction given under Paragraph 6 (C) of this Order

PSPO's are designed to stop anti-social behaviour in a public space. They are intended to deal with a particular nuisance or problem that is detrimental to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which applies to everyone. They are designed to ensure the law-abiding majority can use and enjoy public spaces, safe from anti-social behaviour. They can be enforced by a constable or an authorised person ("Enforcement Officers").

The Orders became effective in June 2019 and will replace the existing Dog Control. A copy of the order and Map identifying the specified areas sent to Members for information and placed on the Notice Boards.

**RESOLVED:** Confirmation of action and to note the information.

## **82 ILLEGAL FLYTIPPING**

Concerns raised by residents on illegal flytipping. Photographs made available of illegal flytipping at Barnardo Stree , Glanavon Terrace, Nantyllyllon and lane behind Caerau Road and Duffryn Place.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to arrange a joint committee meeting with the Environmental Committee and the Finance Committee to decide a strategy and policy for the issue of illegal fly tipping.

## **83 WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015**

At the recent SLCC Conference a presentation was received on the above. It was highlighted that Town and Community Councils with a precept over £200,000 have a legal duty to comply with this Act and must work towards meeting the objectives set out in the Local Development Plan. However, due to the lack of engagement from the Bridgend Public Service Board this has proved difficult. The Clerk requested that this be placed on the Agenda of the next Town & Community Clerks' meeting in order that T&CCs and Bridgend County Borough can work more

collaboratively on this. This request supported by the Clerk of Bridgend Town Council.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**84** **SPECIAL TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM  
HELD ON MONDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019  
MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY (MTFS) 2020-2021 TO  
2023-24**

Confirmation of the attendance of the Mayor, Delegate and Clerk at the above meeting which was convened to receive report of the Chief Executive on the MTFS 2020-2021 TO 2023-24 and information of the MTFS 2019 Budget consultation process from 9<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019. Copy of report presented to Members of the Council.

Members of the BCBC' Consultation Team will be attending the Council's meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to present a full report and consult with Members.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**85** **TOGETHER FOR MENTAL HEALTH DELIVERY PLAN 2019  
TO 2022**

Consultation document received from Welsh Government requesting views on improving mental health and well-being across all ages in Wales. Responses/comments to be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, (node/23465/respond-online)

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**86** **CELEBRATIONS**

Letter of congratulations and best wishes sent to a gentleman celebrating his birthday of 101 years in the month of July. (Name provided).

Flowers were sent from the Mayor and Members of the Council to two couples on 19<sup>th</sup> July and 23<sup>rd</sup> July who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversaries. (Names provided).

**RESOLVED:** Confirmation of action and to note the information.

**87**     **MAESTEG PARC 37 SERVICE**

Information received from Councillor Ross Penhale-Thomas advising that it has been confirmed that Easyway intend to withdraw the service as of 31 August 2019 as it is not deemed commercially viable. This is the outcome feared the most as residents was at least hoping that there could be a continuation of a reduced service.

There are clearly very unique circumstances relating to this area that this service operates in, not least its topography and geography together with a number of economic and social issues - the latest Census statistics, albeit from 2011, show that in some areas of the patch covered by the service, some 40% of households report having no access whatsoever to a vehicle. There are a whole host of Census statistics that prove the very demonstrable need for this service.

The main service operates along the A4063 Llwydarth Road / Bethania Street into and out of Maesteg town centre. Given the incline - compounded by the narrow, valley streets to access Maesteg Parc - no primary bus provider will ever consider this route. That leaves people - in some cases, vulnerable people - without any mode of transport whatsoever. All avenues must be exhausted moving forward to ensure that people who use this service are not abandoned. Following a lengthy discussion, it was

**RESOLVED:**

- (i)     To await outcome of discussions between BCBC Transportation Officer and BCBC West Ward' member.
- (ii)    A meeting to be arranged with Easyway and Maesteg West Ward Members.

**88**     **ARMED FORCES COVENANT FORUM**

The next meeting of the above will be held at 2 pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at the Council Chambers, Bridgend County Borough Council. Delegates Councillor P W Jenkins and Mr R Meredith.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**89**     **FAIRFIELD AVENUE MAESTEG**

Concerns raised by a resident (name provided) on the dangerous actions of car drivers and illegal bikes at this location. Residents are constantly having to adhere to unbearable noise at all hours with cars speeding. On

the 22<sup>nd</sup> July there was in fact a serious accident on this road. The Council was asked to consider making Fairfield Avenue a “one-way system” or the placing of “Speed Limit bumps”?

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to BCBC and request for a speed analysis test of the area.

## **90 FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

### **NOAH’S ARK**

Letter received from the above charity requesting financial assistance towards their continued work and support of children.

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

## **91 DELEGATES’ REPORTS**

No reports received for July 2019.

## **92 PLANS**

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

Ref: P/19/462/FUL  
Applicant: Mr K Roberts  
Location: 63 Salisbury Road Maesteg CF34 9EH  
Proposal: Demolish existing garage; single storey side/rear extension (under existing first floor); raise roof of main dwelling and create gable; first floor rear extension.

Ref: P/19/486/FUL  
Applicant: Ms C Morris  
Location: Bryn Llefrith Farm Coegnant Road Maesteg CF34 0TN  
Proposal: Conversion of existing barn into a holiday let with a 2 storey extension and raising of existing roof line

Ref: P/19/370/FUL  
Applicant: Mrs S Bowen  
Location: 9 Griffiths Terrace Maesteg CF34 0YB  
Proposal: Single storey extension for wet room and platform lift to front garden

Ref: P/19/228/FUL  
Applicant: Mr L Derrick  
Location: 33 Lloyd Street Maesteg CF34 0RA  
Proposal: First floor rear extension above ground floor for bedroom & wc

Ref: P/19/548/FUL  
Applicant: Mr D Chapman  
Location: Former Kitchen and Bathroom Emporium Llynfi Road Maesteg CF34 9DS  
Proposal: Change of use from kitchen/bathroom showroom to boxing & fitness gymnasium

**RESOLVED:** To support the above planning applications.

**93 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

A list of planning determinations 01/01/2019 – 31/07/2019 were presented to Members for information.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**Read and accepted at a meeting of the Council  
held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**

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**Mayor**