

## **MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council** held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**.

#### **PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES** for absence received from Councillors L Beedle, R Collins, and P White.

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

Cllrs R Penhale-Thomas, 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 A James declared an interest in items relating to Caerau Growers.

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

#### **124 POLICE MATTERS**

The Mayor welcomed Sgt G Newman and PCSO G Stoneham to the meeting; Members were provided with the following Crime figures:

### 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 (13D/V)
<b>All crime total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>59</b>
<b>Anti-social behaviour total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>32</b>
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

### Maesteg Crime Statistics for September 2019

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	1	1	2	0	4
Burglary other	0	1	0	1	2
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	2	0	0	2
All other theft	8	5	7	2	22
Damage	5	4	3	2	14
Assault with injury	4	2	3	0	9
Drugs	1	0	0	1	2
<b>All crime total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Anti-social behaviour total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>51</b>
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

***Members questions:***

- ***Anti Social Behaviour up on last year?***

*PCSO Stoneham advised that there were less reports of ASB within the Town centre; however, more neighbour annoyance.*

*PCSO Stoneham advised that the PCSO's are being proactive and visiting the local schools to advise pupils about risks/dangers associated with "Guy Fawkes" night .*

- **Members queried the drug related offences.**  
*PCSO Stoneham advised related to Cannabis possession and plants.*
- **Member queried the recent incident in Brick Row.**  
*Still under investigation.*
- **Illegal Parking Nantyffyllon**  
*Sgt Newman advised that :  
PC Johnson attended the area and no vehicles were illegally parked at the time. Will continue to monitor .  
A recent traffic operation had taken place in the area ; 3 people issued with tickets.  
“Safe parking letters” delivered to local residents.*
- **Parking on Pavements**  
*PCSOs continue to monitor, speaking to residents, “Safe parking letters” issued.*
- **Members highlighted concerns about children riding bicycles late at night without lights.**  
*PCSO Stoneham confirmed that several children had been spoken to; PCSO’s continue to monitor.*

**RESOLVED:** To note the crime figures.

## 125 **BCBC MTFB BUDGET CONSULTATION 2019**

The Mayor welcomed BCBC Consultation Engagement Officers Ms N Bunston and Ms A Boyce to the meeting.

BCBC Engagement officers provided members with the consultation forms and also advised members of the different types of consultation forms available:

- English, Welsh
- Easy Accessible large print in English & Welsh
- Youth consultation forms (ages 11 – 24)

Members were also advised that the results of the consultation will be presented to BCBC Cabinet on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and then published in February 2020.

### **Members questions:**

- Are the results from last year available?  
*Yes these can be found in the Cabinet’ report December 2018*

- What is the average response rate for these consultations?  
*Last year 2088 people responded and we engaged with over 6000 people at various events.*
- Queried the saving of £35 million; by 2023; however, £10 million savings needed this year
- Members advised that many respondents have already agreed to the 13.6% increase in council tax. Do these respondents realise that this increase will not only be for this year but will go up again next year? *No response given.*
- The impact on T&CC's will mean that they are expected to address the gaps in services; concerned that Councils not advised of the expectations early enough to precept for them.  
*This issue was discussed and concerns expressed at the last T&CC Forum meeting.*

Ms N Bunsten concluded the presentation asking all Councillors to engage with residents and advise them to complete the consultation forms. Business cards with QR codes were provided for Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** Councillors to engage with residents and advise to complete the consultation.

## 126 **MAYORAL EVENTS**

4th September	Mayors Charity meeting
6th September	Curtain Up – The Wedding Singer
23rd September	Mayors Charity meeting
25th September	Rights of Way Presentation
27th September	Gleemen Concert
30th September	Maesteg Branch Royal British Legion “laying of the old Standard”

<u>Deputy Mayor</u>	
7th September	Curtain Up – The Wedding Singer
15th September	Gin Pit Explosion Commemorative Plaque
26th September	Maesteg Comprehensive School STRIVE Awards

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**127 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 and Rights of Way meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read, accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**128 MINUTE 94  
POLICE**

Confirmation received that future reports on crime statistics will include information on “drug incidents” within the Llynfi Valley.

Sgt K Merrett has moved Departments and her replacement will be PS 2488, Gareth Newman.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**129 MINUTE 98  
MAESTEG BUS STATION PUBLIC TOILETS**

Members were advised that no response had been received from BCBC with regard to consideration be given to members of the public having access to the toilets located within the Market Square, during the duration of the closure of the Bus Station Public toilets.

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk to request an urgent response.

**130 MINUTE 100  
PLAYING FIELDS & PAVILIONS MAESTEG TOWN**

Zurich Insurance Company have confirmed that the Council’s “Public Liability” would extend to cover anything that the Council are responsible for automatically; therefore, there would be no additional premium due for the playing field(s).

Pavilions will need to be insured against damage. Zurich would require to know addresses of locations, reinstatement value, whether it has an intruder alarm and what percentage it is made of combustible material.

Confirmation received that , Clubs hiring playing fields, insure their own equipment.

Information received from the Community Asset Transfer Officer, Communities Directorate, Bridgend County Borough Council, with regard to playing fields and park pavilions located within the Council's area and their potential for community asset transfer (CAT). Councillors were provided with a spreadsheet identifying the seven assets falling under this categorisation and an indication of any associated CAT activity with existing users.

There are a number of costs associated with these facilities which for ease have been split as pavilion and pitch / green maintenance, together with information relating to insurance and maintenance costs.

Within the attached spreadsheet, details of costs specifically associated with the pavilion (electricity, gas, water and building maintenance). The Borough is not in a position currently to provide the cost of building insurance as the level of cover is being discussed with our insurers. Community groups self-managing such assets post CAT would be directly responsible for obtaining building contents and public liability insurances themselves.

The cost of pitch / green maintenance is presently being calculated by the Parks Department and updated figures will be provided shortly.

The CAT Officer has suggested that an informal meeting with the Clerk would be beneficial to discuss the options that may be available to the Town Council regarding CAT and other forms of support that may potentially be provided to the respective clubs and community groups presently using these assets.

**RESOLVED:** To invite the CAT Officer to a future meeting to discuss available options.

**131 MINUTE 115**  
**TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND 2020/2021**

Request for this information be sent to all Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to request electronic versions and to send the information to all Councillors

**132 MINUTE 116**  
**MAESTEG TOWN HALL DEVELOPMENT**  
**CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**

A meeting has been held with the main Contractor, Knox and Wells; a South Wales Company specialising in restoring/refurbishing listed buildings. Information presented to Maesteg' BCBC members and the Clerk MTC on the following:

- Overview of the Schedule of Works
- timescale (completed by early 2021)
- re-housing of services
- public access to outdoor market units/town from bus station
- access to MTC' emergency exists, lift, storeroom

Discussions ensued with regard to the Council's Christmas festivities (30<sup>th</sup> November 2019). Assurance and support were given by the Contractors with regard to the Christmas activities; especially the erection of the tree and Parade.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to the contractors and get all the assurances regarding the position of the Christmas Tree and Parade in writing.

**133 MINUTE 117**

**1. BRIDGEND REPLACEMENT LDP – PREFERRED**  
**STRATEGY CONSULTATION EVENT WITH PLANNING AID**  
**WALES**

Cllr I Williams, represented the Council, at a recent meeting held to discuss the above. *Delegate's report made available to Members.*

It would be beneficial for all Councillors (not only those on Planning Committee) to attend one of their other events.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**2. BRIDGEND REPLACEMENT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
PREFERRED STRATEGY: PRE DEPOSIT PROPOSALS  
STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION  
30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER TO 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

Letter received from Richard Matthams, Development Planning Manager, Bridgend County Borough Council, regarding the above Statutory Public Consultation. Bridgend County Borough Council welcome Council's views on this LDP Preferred Strategy; closing date for submission 5 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

**RESOLVED:** Members to respond individually.

**134 MINUTE 119  
ONE VOICE WALES**

Information received from several Town and Community Councils within the Borough regarding benefits of membership of the above organisation.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**135 MINUTE 120  
FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

Letter of thanks and acknowledgement for financial support received from:

- Vernon Hartshorn Exhibition.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**136 LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2019**

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



## CORRESPONDENCE

### 137 **CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES EXPIRE 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

Current concessionary bus passes will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and require to be renewed online by the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2019.

Documentation received on the criteria required for reapplying, together with website address and contact details for support; **sent to Members for information.**

The Clerks' Office, Maesteg Town Council, have supported many residents to date with queries, concerns and helping with completion of the online form where access to Website is unavailable for them.

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

### 138 **FLOODING CONCERNS**

Due to the recent inclement weather of heavy rain, several residents, having concerns about flooding (previous history), sought support from Council in obtaining sand bags. Bridgend County Borough Council contacted; agreed to deliver to properties.

Letter received highlighting concern over the condition of the drainage systems within the Llynfi Valley, with particular regard to open, closed and underground culverts. It is evident with recent heavy rain that several drainage systems did not cope. Cllr Jenkins requests that Council ask for a full survey to be carried out on the conditions of culverts and drains within the Llynfi Valley.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to BCBC, NRW, Welsh Water and V2C to request a survey of underground culverts.

### 139 **PLANNING AID WALES 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION**

His Worship the Mayor accepted an invitation to attend the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Planning Aid Wales, venue The Senedd, National Assembly of Wales, on October 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Planning Aid Wales is a registered charity that supports meaningful community engagement in planning in Wales. In the past year alone,

5,672 people have been helped to understand and /or engage in the planning system.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**140 FRIENDS OF MAESTEG WELFARE PARK HARVEST DAY**

The Deputy Mayor and Members of the Council accepted an invitation from the Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park to attend the Harvest Day Service on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019 for thanksgiving and the unveiling of the commemorative plaque in remembrance of “those who lost their lives in the Gin Pit explosion”.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**141 DEFIBRILLATORS – LLYNFI VALLEY**

Up-to-date list of Defibrillators located within the Llynfi Valley available in Clerk’s Office; sent to Members for information.

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

**142 OPEN DAY - CAERAU MEN’S SHED**

Invitation to all Councillors from the Caerau Men’s Shed to attend their Open Day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**143 REFERRALS MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2019**

- **OVERGROWTH**  
Overgrowth from private property covering streetlight on Footpath 43 between Llwydarth Road and Oakwood Estate referred to Rights of Way Department, BCBC.
- **BLOCKED DRAIN**  
Blocked surface water drains on junction Ffordd Dysgu and Crown Road.
- **RECYCLING CONTAINERS**  
Recycling containers requested:
  - Protheroe Street
  - West Street

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

#### **144 NEWSLETTERS/BULLETINS/ POSTERS**

Available in Clerk's Office for Members' information:

- BAVO – Applications for Integrated Care Fund (ICF): Community Wellbeing Grants Scheme 2019-2020
- World Mental Health Day 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Poster
- Chris Elmore MP October Advice Surgeries
- BAVO - October 2019 funding e-bulletin

*Posters have been placed onto the notice board for information.*

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

#### **145 MAESTEG TOWN HALL INFORMATION SESSION - WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2019**

Maesteg Town Hall is due to close in November for a major programme of refurbishment and extension. Members of the Awen Cultural Trust Group (Councillors: I Williams, P W Jenkins, R Lewis, C Reeves) are invited to an information sharing session on Wednesday 9th October, 7 pm.

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

#### **146 FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

##### **1. CAERAU COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Cllr A James declared an interest and took no part in discussions.

Request received from Caerau Community Garden for financial assistance towards their Annual Halloween Craft Day to be held on 31st October 2019.

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

## **2. MAESTEG PARK FOOTBALL CLUB - UNDER15'S**

Request received from the above Club for financial assistance towards their 2019/20 Season visit to Ireland to compete in various matches.

**RESOLVED:** Council donate the sum of £100 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

## **3. MACMILLAN**

Financial support requested from Macmillan Nurses; the Council being thanked for their continued support towards the essential care and support given to patients.

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

## **147 DELEGATES REPORT FROM COUNCILLOR I WILLIAMS LDP T&CC WORKSHOP 23/09/19**

Planning Aid Wales were commissioned by BCBC to run the LDP presentation event as they are an impartial charity organisation who have experience of such events and are able to facilitate and capture the views of local communities.

Bridgend County Borough Council is working on a replacement Local Development Plan (LDP). When this new plan is adopted, it will replace the current LDP. It will also become the primary consideration in deciding all planning applications in Bridgend.

During the presentation the following concerns were discussed:

- Ewenny Road site
- Washery Site
- Request for cycle track to extend further down the valley to Tondu.
- Protection of wooded areas
- Sustainable developments must include the provision of play areas
- Public toilet provision should be included on the LDP
- Rights of Way should be added to the LDP

Further workshops arranged; beneficial for Councillors to attend:

- Friday 4 October 5.30pm – 8.30pm Brackla Community Hall
- Monday 7 October 1pm – 4pm Cefn Cribbwr Green Hall
- Monday 14 October 6pm – 9pm High Tide Inn, Porthcawl

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

## 148 **PLANS**

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

Ref: P/18/964/FUL  
Applicant: Mr M Thomas  
Location: 4 Priory Terrace Maesteg CF34 9PE  
Proposal: Retention of front porch, tiering of front garden with retaining walls and garage to front

Ref: P/19/688/FUL  
Applicant: G E Door Solutions  
Location: G E Door Solutions Unit 5 Forge Industrial Estate Maesteg CF34 0AH  
Proposal: Extension to factory for door storage

Ref: P/19/681/FUL  
Applicant: Ms L Cole  
Location: 102 Alma Road Maesteg CF34 9AW  
Proposal: Remove existing garden room; construct two storey/single storey rear extensions; alterations to porch; pitched roof dormers to front & rear; detached garage to rear

Ref: P/19/723/FUL  
Applicant: Mr R Harris  
Location: 14 Queen Street Maesteg CF34 9YN  
Proposal: Single storey store room addition to rear garden to replace existing building

Ref: P/19/724/FUL  
Applicant: Mr Brett  
Location: 222 Bridgend Road Maesteg CF34 0NL  
Proposal: Conservatory to rear

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

**149 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS**

Planning determinations dated August and September 2019 received from Bridgend County Borough Council were presented to Members for information.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**Read and accepted at a meeting of the Council  
held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

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**Mayor**