

## **MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL**

### **COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council** held at the Council Chamber,  
Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

#### **PRESENT:**

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

**APOLOGIES** for absence received from Councillors R Collins, A James  
and R Davies.

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

Cllrs R Penhale-Thomas, D K Edwards, P White 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.

#### **154 POLICE MATTERS**

The Mayor welcomed PCSO's J Banks and G Stoneham to the meeting;  
Members were provided with the following Crime figures:

### Maesteg Crime Statistics for October 2018

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	1	0	0	0	1
Dwelling burglary	2	0	2	0	4
Burglary other	2	1	0	0	3
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	1	0	0	1
All other theft	2	0	4	0	6
Damage	3	0	2	3	8
Assault with injury	6	0	8	0	14(10 D/V)
All crime total	16	2	16	3	37
Anti-social behaviour total	10	5	4	2	21
Drink Driving	0	1	0	1	2

### Maesteg Crime Statistics for October 2019

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs	0	2	0	0	2
Dwelling burglary	1	0	0	0	1
Burglary other	0	0	6	0	6
Theft of vehicle	0	0	0	0	0
Theft from vehicle	0	2	3	0	5
All other theft	3	3	13	0	19
Damage	4	6	4	0	14
Assault with injury	4	2	5	1	12
All crime total	12	15	31	1	59
Anti-social behaviour total	13	10	13	3	39
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

*Members questions:*

- **Assault with injury – how many were domestic violence ?**  
*PCSO Banks advised split figures had not been provided.*
- **Members queried “Halloween Evening”**  
*PCSO’s advised not as busy as other areas within the Force.*
- **Member queried the high number of thefts in Maesteg West and whether this related to recent releases?**

*PCSO Banks advised that there had been an increase in shoplifting; however, a suspect for these burglaries had been identified; further evidence is being gathered.*

- **Traffic Management – Mission Road - School drop off and collection times**

*PCSO's advised they are aware of this issue. PCSO's will continue to monitor and speak to parents.*

- **Christmas Festivities 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - Members raised concerns on the attendance of Hawkers each year; licences supplied by South Wales Police; can their licences be checked on the day?**

**An independent trader advised that one of the hawkers, who attends each year, charges the others to sell their goods.**

*PCSOs agreed to investigate.*

- **PCSO Banks thanked Maesteg Town Council for the S137 grant towards the purchase of a defibrillator.**

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

## **155 CABINET'S REPORT ON PLAYING FIELDS AND PAVILIONS, CAT POLICY AND OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

The Mayor welcomed Bridgend County Borough Council, CAT Officer, Mr G Smith, to the meeting.

Members were presented with the recent Bridgend County Borough Council' Press Release related to playing fields, outdoor sports facilities and parks & pavilions, together with up-to-date information on CAT discussions with various Clubs within Maesteg Town. An in depth discussion took place.

### **Members questions/observations:**

- With the multiple assets within Maesteg Town, it would be difficult for Maesteg Town Council to differentiate between them.
- Mr Smith advised that under CAT, BCBC are unable to sectionalise each pitch, e.g. Maesteg Welfare Park - multiple clubs using location. Hence the reason why Newbridge Fields in Bridgend is being given a dispensation. A separate strategy will be developed for the management and operation of the various facilities available throughout Newbridge Fields.

- Issue with land ownership of Garth Park. How will this affect the CAT process?

*This is an ongoing issue, further meetings are being arranged; however, if clubs are actively investigating CAT process with BCBC, arrangements may be made for special licence or fees frozen whilst issues are being resolved.*

- Play areas – the report states “rationalisation of play areas”; does this mean that there will be closures?

*No policy at the moment to close any play area; however, Town & Community Councils may be able to take ownership of play areas and receive match funding to enable this. BCBC do not have any budget to bring play areas up to scratch.*

- How often are Health & Safety inspections carried out on play areas?

*Annual Health & Safety checks are carried out by an external company; however, Parks & Playing Fields Officers carry out weekly H&S inspections.*

The Mayor thanked Mr Smith for attending.

**RESOLVED:** To seek further information on the strategy to be developed for the management and operation of Newbridge Fields and to request “option appraisal” for Maesteg Welfare Park similar to that of Newbridge Fields in Bridgend.

## 156 **MAYORAL EVENTS**

4th October	Harmony Concert
9th October	Mayors Charity meeting
12th October	Mayors Charity Event - Farewell Maesteg Town Hall
15th October	Planning Aid Wales 40th Anniversary
24th October	ALADDIN Pantomime Town Hall
4th November	Mayors Charity Meeting

### Deputy Mayor

25th October	ALADDIN Pantomime Town Hall
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**RESOLVED:** Information noted.

**157 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read, accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

**158 MINUTES – FINANCE & PERSONNEL MEETING**

Members received confirmation that a joint meeting of Finance and Personnel meeting had been held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Report available for the next meeting of Council.

**MATTERS ARISING**

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

E-mail received from AWEN advising that formal confirmation from BCBC of commencement of works on the Town Hall was still awaited; therefore, the toilets will continue to remain open and cleaned on a week-by-week basis until the site is closed.

Market traders advised Maesteg Town Council of their concerns regarding the request for use of their toilets to be available for members of the public and had not been consulted. Further concerns on health and safety and hygiene issues were expressed. No updated response received from Bridgend County Borough Council.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) To note the information.
- (ii) Members agreed to continue the partnership entered with Awen regarding the Maesteg Bus Station Public Toilets.

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

Members requested information on the criteria for applying for the above grant.

**RESOLVED:** Information to be forwarded to Members.

**161** **MINUTE 146**  
**FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

Letter of thanks and acknowledgement for financial support received from:

- Maesteg Junior Netball Club
- Macmillan Nurses
- Maesteg Park Football Club – Under 15's

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**162** **MINUTE 147**  
**BRIDGEND LDP T&CC WORKSHOP**

Electronic copy of slides received from the Bridgend LDP on the Consultation event with Planning Aid Wales. *Forwarded to Councillors for information.*

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

**163** **LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**164** **LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF BRIDGEND, FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**

Received copies of the above report; e-mailed website link to all Councillors.

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

**165 MAESTEG BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**  
**“LAYING UP OF THE OLD STANDARD”**

Letter of sincere thanks received from the Maesteg Branch of the Royal British Legion for allowing the “laying up of the old Standard” in the Council Chamber of Maesteg Town Council.

The service of commemoration was officiated by Rev Martyn Evans, Chaplain, Vicar of St Michaels Church, and attended by Officials and Members of the Royal British Legion, Mayor and members of the Council, Army cadets.

**RESOLVED:** A historical event and a honour to receive the Standard.

**166 REFERRALS MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019**

- Damaged street pole on Talbot Street – *removed*.
- **BLOCKED DRAINS**
  - Pavement by the outdoor market; *response awaited*.
  - Blocked drains Court Street; *added to the cleansing schedule*.
  - Blocked drain in rear lane of Court Street; *unadopted and BCBC unable to clear*.
- **RECYCLING CONTAINERS**
  - Protheroe Street
  - Turberville Street
  - Delivered within 10 working days.*
- **FLOODING**
  - Sand bags delivered to Turberville Street.*
- **RATS**
  - Rats Llynfi Road Lane.
  - BCBC, Property Department, baiting this area.*
- **BIN CHURCH STREET CAERAU**
  - Due to mis-use, relocated within the Street.*

- **ASBESTOS BRIDLEWAY 77**  
*Rights of Way Department, BCBC - responsibility to arrange removal.*
- **WATER PONDING TALBOT STREET**  
*Awaiting a response.*
- **STREET CLEANSING**  
Concerns raised by residents of urgent need to cleanse the steps between Meadow Street and Commercial Street, Maesteg; weeds overgrown, dog faeces, litter, etc.  
*Highways and Cleaner Streets Departments, BCBC, confirmed receipt of report; area to be cleared.*

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

## 167 **NEWSLETTERS/BULLETINS/POSTERS**

*Available in Clerk's Office for Members' information:*

- Open Spaces Autumn 2019 Newsletter
- Royal British Legion Maesteg Branch Annual Remembrance Service & Concert
- Caerau Market Garden – Halloween Craft Day
- World Mental Health Day 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- Chris Elmore MP Advice Surgery (Due to the dissolution of Parliament the MP for Ogmore Surgery poster has been removed from the noticeboard at the request of Mr Chris Elmore)
- Hen Shed leaflet
- EU Settlement Scheme

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

## 168 **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND STATIONS 2019**

Documentation on the Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Stations 2019 forwarded to Members for their information.

**RESOLVED:** Action confirmed and to note the information.

**169 MAESTEG TOWN FOOTFALL DATA**

Confirmation received from the Town Centre Manager that the footfall data for Maesteg is now live on BCBC website:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/town-centre-footfall-data/>

Footfall data:

- Week commencing 30th June 15,432
- Week commencing 6th October 17,454

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**170 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT CONSULTATION - FEBRUARY 2020**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, a link to the IRPW's draft Annual Report, February 2020, which would have effect for the financial year 2020/21 received.

Report available using the following link:

<https://gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-draft-annual-report-2020-2021>

Annex 5 (page 77) is a summary of new and updated determinations for this year. Any representations about this report should be received by no later than 10 December 2019.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**171 INVITATION TO CAERAU MEN'S SHED CALENDAR LAUNCH**

Invitation received for the above event, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7pm , at Caerau Athletic Club. Members notified.

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

## **172 SW FIRE & RESCUE HAVE YOUR SAY CONSULTATION**

Information received from South Wales Fire and Rescue Service regarding developing their plan for 2020 – 2021 and consultation with members of the public in the communities they serve. The closing date for responses 13th December 2019. Information forwarded to Councillors for their response.

### **RESOLVED:**

- (i) Confirmation of action and to note the information.
- (ii) Cllr P W Jenkins to respond on behalf of Council.

## **173 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Concert, St David's Church.  
Sunday morning, 10<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Services:

- St Michael's Church, Maesteg; followed by procession to Cenotaph for Service and laying of wreaths.  
His Worship the Mayor to represent Maesteg Town Council.
- St Cynfelyn's Church, Caerau; followed by procession to Cenotaph for Service and laying of wreaths.  
Deputy Mayor to represent Maesteg Town Council.

Notification received of road closures for Remembrance Sunday.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

## **174 BCBC MAYOR'S CITIZENSHIP AWARDS 2020**

The nominations are now open for the Mayor's Citizenship Awards 2020; criteria for the awards includes:

- Nominees can only be eligible for a single award.
- Past winners can only be nominated for a new achievement.
- These awards are open to all citizens; however, those nominated for their paid work must be carrying out exceptional work above and beyond what is expected of their post.
- All awards are equal in value.

Completed nominations should be returned to the Mayor's Office either via post or email: Mayor@bridgend.gov.uk the closing date for nominations, Friday 24th January 2020.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) To note the information.
- (ii) Councillors to provide nominations to the Clerk to forward to BCBC.

**175 TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM MEETING**

Confirmation received, meeting arranged, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.  
Delegate Councillor P W Jenkins.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**176 CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

- Christmas Street Lighting - Contractors Centregreat.
- Poster Competition – five entries received from Primary Schools; the winner, a pupil from Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cynwyd Sant, switching on the lights with the Mayor. The Mayor will attend an Assembly to present the pupil with a framed copy of the poster and gift voucher.
- Christmas Festivities/Parade arrangements confirmed.
- Road closures confirmed; Police advised.
- Advertising - Posters throughout the Town, fliers to all Schools, Bridge FM, Website, Social Media.

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

**177 ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS**

Winter planting programme; daffodil bulbs delivered and allocated to locations for planting.

**RESOLVED:** Confirmation of action.

**178 WEPA – BRIDGEND PAPER MILL ENHANCEMENT**

Received statutory notification pertaining to WEPA's pre-application consultation for proposals to enhance its existing Paper Mill facility in Llangynwyd, Bridgend. Letter circulated to all Councillors.

**RESOLVED:** To note information and to request that sessions be made available in Maesteg Library.

**179 FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

No applications received.

**180 DELEGATE REPORT  
MAESTEG TOWN HALL USER GROUP BRIEFING**

Councillor C Reeves attended the meeting on behalf of the Town Council along with other Councillors and representatives from organisations that use the Town Hall.

The meeting was an excellent opportunity to discuss the plans in detail, and for all the queries the different groups had regarding the development to be answered.

Report on information received and issues discussed, presented to Members for information. Copy held in Clerk's Office.

The current draft timetable (which may be subject to change) is:-

**October 19** Final pricing received and budget agreed/fixed. Main contact let to Knox & Wells

**November 2019:** Awen decommission and hand over keys. Knox & Well set up site compound.

**November 2020:** Practical completion; transfer back to Awen

**December 2020 – March 2021:** Contingency & internal fit out of spaces

**Spring 2021:** 'Soft' opening

Members thanked Councillor Reeves for the comprehensive report.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

## 181 PLANS

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

Ref: P/19/744/FUL  
Applicant: Mr N Sainsbury  
Location: 3 Garth Avenue Maesteg CF34 0UJ  
Proposal: Two storey extension to rear

Ref: P/19/759/LIS  
Applicant: Bridgend County Borough Council  
Location: Maesteg Town Hall Talbot Street Maesteg CF34 9DA  
Proposal: Amendment to P/18/761/LIS - relocate back of house loading lift; add a louvred plant screen to east elevation; alterations to the existing western entrance porch and existing eastern public wcs

Ref: P/19/753/FUL  
Applicant: Mr I Gough  
Location: 38-40 Commercial Street Maesteg CF34 9DH  
Proposal: Conversion of office building to mixed use - 2no. commercial retail units on ground floor and 9no. residential units on upper floors

Ref: P/19/731/FUL  
Applicant: Mr R Boydell  
Location: 7 Daren Close Maesteg CF34 0YX  
Proposal: Demolish garage and erect single storey extension to side

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

## 182 PLANNING DETERMINATIONS

Planning determinations dated 24/09/2019 and 30/10/2019 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019**

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**Mayor**