

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council** held at the Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 3rd March 2020.**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: **A James (Deputy Mayor)**
R Collins, P Davies, R Davies, R Lewis,
R Martin, R Penhale-Thomas, C Reeves,
G Thomas, I Williams, D K Edwards,
W May, L Beedle, P W Jenkins and P White.

APOLOGIES for absence received from Councillors S B Smith and L Thomas

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Cllrs R Collins, P Davies, P White, R Penhale-Thomas and D K Edwards declared an interest in items relating to Bridgend County Borough Council, including Development Control and Licensing.

Cllrs R Lewis and I 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.

292 POLICE MATTERS

The Mayor welcomed Sgt Evans to the meeting; Members were provided with the following Crime figures:

Maesteg Crime Statistics for February 2019

	Total in category	Notes
Robbery	0	
Dwelling burglary	4	2 in Caerau and 2 in Maesteg West
Burglary other	0	
All other theft	17	Included the following incidents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft of lead from roof; • Trellis from school; • Shoplifting;
Damage	25	
Assault with injury	66	Increase here as more ASB recorded within this category, also due to recent weather many incidents included snowballs being thrown.
Anti-social behaviour	45	

Maesteg Crime Statistics for February 2020

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Drugs	1	1	1	0	3
Dwelling burglary	1	1 attempt	1 attempt	0	3
Burglary other	1	1	0	1	3
Theft of vehicle	2	0	0	0	2
Theft from vehicle	2	0	1	1	4
All other theft	2	4	9	1	16
Damage	12	8	8	1	29
Assault with injury	28	12	20	6	66
Domestic Abuse	11	1	2	1	15
All crime total	49	27	40	10	126
Anti-social behaviour total	18	13	13	1	45
Drink Driving	0	0	0	0	0

Members questions:

- *Sgt Evans updated members on the recent posts on social media regarding Garth Railway Station. Members were advised that every incident was investigated and that genuine buses had*

replaced the train service. It was noted that due to the children not being able to see the buses concerns were raised.

Members queried the correct procedure for reporting incidents along train stations as many resident's who contacted 101 were told it's a British Transport Police Matter.

Sgt Evans advised that residents should still contact 101 who will then direct the calls/incident to British Transport Police, should the matter be urgent then the local neighbourhood policing teams are also contacted.

- Members again mentioned the perpetual speeding issues within the Llynfi Valley

Sgt Evans advised that she will instruct the PCSO's to do a scoping exercise

Members advised that speeding exercised has been done recently and that a referral from BCBC was due to be sent to SW Police

- Members raised concerns regarding parking on pavements within the valley and highlighted the recent inconsiderate parking near the fire station in Nantyffyllon where a new boxing gym has recently opened and cars are blocking the pavements.

Sgt Evans advised that SW Police do not issue parking tickets as this is an issue for the Local Authority.

RESOLVED: To note the crime figures.

293 RESOLVED: THAT THE COUNCIL GO INTO COMMITTEE

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and Local Government Act 1972, ss100 & 102 'Members of the public/press can be excluded by resolution if publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of confidential nature of the business and arising out of the business to be transacted'

295 RESOLVED: THAT COUNCIL MOVE OUT OF COMMITTEE

296 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4th February 2020; Confidential Minutes of Council held on 4th February; Confidential Minutes of Personnel Committee held on 11th February 2020; Events Committee held on 18th February 2020; Extraordinary Meeting held on 19th February 2020 and the Communications Committee Meeting held on

2nd March 2020; copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read, accepted as a true record and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

MATTERS ARISING

297 MINUTE 263

TENDER – INTERNAL AUDITOR

Members queried when the new internal auditor is contacted that they are involved with the demo's of accounting software.

RESOLVED: Acting Clerk to contact the new internal auditor and to invite them to look at the accounting software Demo's.

298 MINUTE 267

LITTER BINS

Members queried whether BCBC had replied to the question of how many litter bins had been removed from MTC area.

RESOLVED: Acting Clerk to contact BCBC to ask again how many litter bins have been removed from MTC area.

299 MINUTE 273

STREET LIGHT BROOKFIELD ROAD

Further email sent to BCBC – still awaiting response.

Cllr I Williams advised that this streetlight along with one other streetlight had been replaced with the new LED streetlights.

RESOLVED: To note the information

300 MINUTE 274

OVW TRAINING WITH LLAN MIDDLE CC

The following Councillors have advised that they will be attending the OVW training with Llan Middle CC:

- Understanding the Law on Wednesday, 26th February 2020 – cancelled due to trainer illness
 - Cllr G Thomas
 - Cllr L Beedle

- Code of Conduct on Wednesday, 25th March 2020, 6:30pm – 9pm upstairs in the Maesteg Town Council building

- Cllr G Thomas
- Cllr L Beedle

RESOLVED: To note the information

301 MINUTE 277

COMPLAINT – TREE AND SHELTER

Members queries whether the tree has been given to local artists to create sculpture?

Acting clerk advised that BCBC had advised that the type of tree is unsuitable for sculptures, however it has been proposed that the wood is used to make mementoes for when the town hall is reopened.

RESOLVED: To note the information

302 MINUTE 280.1

CLEANER STREETS

BCBC have advised that 3GS have been instructed to attend the following town centre locations:

- Commercial Street
- Talbot Street
- Rear of Talbot Street - the area behind the card factory
- Llynfi Road Car Park

RESOLVED: To note the information

303 MINUTE 287

GŴYL MAESTEG FESTIVAL 2020

Members queried whether a meeting to discuss dates had been arranged with Maesteg Comprehensive School. Acting clerk advised that a meeting had been arranged for 10th March 2020.

RESOLVED: To note the information

304 MINUTE 289

ACCOUNTS UPDATE

Members queried whether the actions in the confidential minutes had been actioned and also queried the Financial Regulations. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Finance Committee should meet to discuss the Financial Regulations as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: Acting Clerk to arrange a Finance Committee meeting.

305 LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

RESOLVED: That the tables of Expenditure, Income and Uncashed Cheques during the month of February 2020; copy of which had been circulated to Members, which included the addition of DD payments, list of Income and Uncashed Cheques be accepted, confirmed and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE

306 NEATH PORT TALBOT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2011-2026) CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT REVIEW REPORT

The Draft Review Report is available to view on the Council's website via the link at:

<https://www.npt.gov.uk/1599>

The consultation will run for a period of 6 weeks commencing at mid-day (12 noon) on 3rd February until mid-day (12 noon), on Monday 16th March 2020.

Responses cannot be accepted after this time. Please note that all comments received will be available for public inspection and cannot be treated as confidential.

Emailed to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

307 CONSULTATION ON FUTURE AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN WALES

The Auditor General is required to audit the annual accounts of all community and town councils in Wales. From 2020-21 onwards, we propose a three-year audit programme which is designed to meet statutory responsibilities while providing a sufficient level of audit assurance at a reasonable cost.

The Auditor General is seeking the views of interested parties on the proposed audit arrangements. Do you have experience or information about the audit of community and town councils in Wales? We would like to hear from you.

The deadline for responses is **Thursday 19 March 2020**.

Emailed to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

308 REFERRALS MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020

• **OVERGROWTH**

- Steps leading from Duffryn Road to Tudor Estate, Caerau

RESPONSE: BCBC have forwarded your email to the Highways department to arrange for the removal of the overgrowth

• **FLY TIPPING**

Dumped fridge rear of Lloyd Street

RESPONSE: A report has been logged and the incident/s will be investigated

Confirmation of action required.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

309 MINIMUM PRICING FOR ALCOHOL STAKEHOLDER INFORMATION - 2 MARCH 2020

The Public Health (Minimum Price for Alcohol) (Wales) Act 2018 comes into force on the 2nd March 2020.

‘Minimum Pricing for Alcohol in Wales - Key Information’ document along with a poster and leaflet containing information has been emailed to all Councillors for information and poster printed and placed on noticeboard.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

310 REQUEST TO BE EMAILED MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Received a request from Mr R Luke to be placed on a mailing list for copies of Council Meeting Minutes. Currently the minutes are emailed to our Website provider to place them on the website and also to Y Llynfi and Maesteg Library.

RESOLVED: Members discussed and advised that as minutes are sent to both libraries and are also on MTC website there is no need to send to individual members of the public.

311 TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM MEETING – MARCH

The date of the next meeting is 17 March 2020. The meeting will commence at 4.00pm in BCBC Council Chamber

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

312 MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES 2020-2021 – RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Email received with details of the above. Letter then received and scanned and emailed to all Councillors for information.

Cost of renewal: £2725.00

RESOLVED: Clerk to check what had been paid in December 2019 as MTC given 1 year at a discounted cost.

313 SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN 2020-25 SURVEY

Above emailed to all Councillors with link to the survey

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

314 BUNTING

Email from Maesteg Town Centre Manager proposing to install bunting in Commercial Street and Talbot Street was forwarded to all Councillors for approval before 24th February 2020.

Many responses received from Councillors in support of the bunting and the Maesteg Town Centre manager was advised that MTC support the installation of bunting.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

315 NEWSLETTERS/BULLETINS/POSTERS

Available in Clerk's Office for Members' information:

- School Uniform Swap Shop flyer
- Huw Irranca-Davies AM and Chris Elmore MP Joint Surgery 13/03/2020 in Tesco Café

Posters have been placed onto the notice board for information

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

316 CONSULTATION EVENTS BEYOND RECYCLING

Email forwarded to all Councillors; however, the events are not within local area. A link to consultation documents was included and responses need to be provided by 3rd April 2020.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

**317 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES
ANNUAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2020**

The above report was emailed to all Councillors in accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011. Included was a link to the IRPW's Annual Report, February 2020 and a covering letter from the Chair, Mr John Bader.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

**318 BRIDGEND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN DRAFT
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (SPG)**

Recreation Facilities And New Housing Development
Education Facilities And Residential Development

On 16th January 2020, Bridgend County Borough Council's Development Control Committee approved the above draft documents. They have now been published for a period of public consultation to run from Friday 21 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020.

The Council would welcome your views on the draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG), which are available to view on the Council's website: <https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-control/supplementary-planning-guidance-consultation/>
Above emailed to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

319 NO SPORTS CLUBS TO PAY INCREASED HIRE CHARGES FOR PLAYING FIELDS AND PARK PAVILIONS

Email forwarded to all Councillors by Cllr P White advising of the above and below.

- Town and community councils and sports clubs begin Community Asset Transfer process for all 39 playing fields and 40 park pavilions
- Cabinet to meet on February 25 to discuss new funding packages for pitch and playing field improvements

Cabinet members at Bridgend County Borough Council will discuss a series of new measures on February 25 designed to bolster its Community Asset Transfer (CAT) package and help sports clubs, town and community councils and other organisations take on more responsibility for outdoor sports facilities in the county borough.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

320 BRIDGE CLEANING - MAESTEG TOWN CENTRE

Email received from the Town Centre Manager advising that the footbridge between Llynfi Road Car Park and Plasnewydd Street has recently been jet washed. The email contained before and after photographs of the work completed.

Emailed to all Councillors for information.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

321 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - MAESTEG BRANCH

Request from RBL Maesteg Branch to continue to store wreaths and other RBL equipment in the storeroom off the boiler room in the basement of Maesteg Town Council building and to continue to issue the wreaths during poppy appeal period leading up to armistice Sunday.

Members discussed the request and unanimously agreed to continue the partnership with RBL

RESOLVED: Clerk to email RBL with confirmation that the partnership is to continue.

322 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DONATION

Received a Christmas lighting scheme donation from Mr H Irranca-Davies AM of £75.00 by BACS transfer.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

323 LETTER SENT BY SPECIAL DELIVERY – RETURNED

The letter sent by Special Delivery to Mrs M Buckley on 15th January 2020 has been returned by Royal Mail as no one had collected it from the post office.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to keep the letter with personnel files.

324 MAESTEG TOWN HALL RE-DEVELOPMENT

Email requesting the planter and benches on Church Street be relocated to the outdoor market square.

Email forwarded to all Councillors for information

Planters to be relocated outside Maesteg Town Council Offices and benches to be relocated to the market square.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

325 AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Letter received from BCBC Rights of Way manager advising that the 2019/20 request for payment had been received and being processed for payment. A payment of 2,037.00 will be made shortly.

The payment requests for 2017/18 and 2018/19 are still being considered.

RESOLVED: Confirmation of action and to note the information.

326 FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS

No Financial Applications received in February 2020

327 DELEGATE REPORTS

No Delegate Reports received in February 2020

328 PLANS

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

The following application had no objections:

Ref: P/20/86/FUL
Applicant: Mr P Skinner
Location: 37 Barnardo Street Maesteg CF34 0HT
Proposal: Demolish existing substandard structure and construct two storey/single storey extension

Ref: P/20/89/FUL
Applicant: Mr P Skinner
Location: Former Bethany Chapel Hermon Road Maesteg CF34 0SU
Proposal: Change of use of redundant warehouse to provide 5 self-contained flats and elevation alterations

Ref: P/20/76/FUL
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Walton
Location: 24 Talbot Terrace Maesteg CF34 9YA
Proposal: Rear ground and first floor extension with balcony; car hardstanding to front and storage shed to rear

RESOLVED: To support the above planning applications.

**Read and accepted at a remote meeting of the Council
held on 2nd June 2020**

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Mayor