

**MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Council** held remotely via Microsoft Teams and at the Council Meeting Room, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.**

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS:**

**A James (Mayor)**

L Beedle, R Collins, P Davies, R Davies, P Jenkins, R Lewis, R Martin, R Penhale-Thomas, C Reeves, G Thomas, L Thomas, P White and I Williams.

**APOLOGIES** for absence received from Councillors K Edwards, W May and S Smith

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllrs R Collins, P Davies, R Penhale-Thomas and P White 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.

Cllr P Davies declared an interest in items relating to Caerau Development Trust.

Cllrs R Davies and A James declared an interest in items relating to Caerau Market Garden.

**278. POLICE MATTERS**

The Mayor welcomed Sgt Evans to the meeting and the following Crime figures were provided:

**Maesteg Crime Statistics for October 2019**

	Caerau / Nanty	Maesteg East	Maesteg West	Llan	Total in category
Robbery	0	0	1	0	1
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0
Dwelling burglary	1	0	0	1	2
Burglary other	1	0	1	0	2
Theft of vehicle	2	0	0	0	2
Theft from vehicle	1	1	2	0	4
All other theft	1	1	2	0	4

<b>Damage</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Assault with injury</b>	<b>5 (2)</b>	<b>3 (2)</b>	<b>5 (3)</b>	<b>2 (2)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>All crime total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Anti-social behaviour total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Drink Driving</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Maesteg Crime Statistics for November 2020**

	<b>Caerau / Nanty</b>	<b>Maesteg East</b>	<b>Maesteg West</b>	<b>Llan</b>	<b>Total in category</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Drugs</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Dwelling burglary</b>	<b>3 (1att)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3 (1att)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Burglary other</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Theft of vehicle</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Theft from vehicle</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>All other theft</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Damage</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Domestic related occurrence</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>All crime total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>82</b>
<b>Anti-social behaviour total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Drink Driving</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

Sgt Evans advised members that there had recently been a drug warrant in the King Alfred pub in early November and the outcome of this is pending an investigation.

Dwelling burglaries included the following:

- On empty properties
- 1 was listed but there was no offence
- 1 was hand through a letter box
- 1 was a false report as no crime was committed
- 2 x no items were taken

ASB figures include calls for Covid-19, recent bonfire night gatherings and the ongoing problem with certain youths.

Members raised the following:

- a) Vehicles parked on pavements on Castle Street and Bridge Street where these vehicles are causing an obstruction not only to pedestrians but they are also obstructing the splay for vehicles trying to exit junctions.

Sgt Evans advised that they are aware of the problems and local officers have attended and issued tickets. SW Police have also contacted BCBC parking enforcement.

- b) Recent queries as to fake £5 notes circulating in the valley causing concerns to many residents.

Sgt Evans advised that there had been no reports to SW Police regarding this, however they had recently sent a link from the Bank of England to advise how to check notes to the BCBC Town Centre manager to forward to all retailers.

- c) Further reports of parking problems in Yr Ysfa, whereby people are parking over the junctions. The problem mainly occurs in the evenings and on weekends.

Sgt Evans advised that she will ask the local officers to attend this location in the evenings and weekends.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

## **279. WELSH WATER**

The Mayor welcomed Officers from Welsh Water who provided an overview of the recent works being carried out in the Llynfi Valley.

Officers provided a detailed presentation advising that the reasoning behind the works were to update 1.6km of mains water supply pipes from old cast iron pipes to new plastic pipes starting from the Red Cow to just outside Asda.

The Community Engagement Officer advised that Welsh Water also have grants available to community groups of up to £1000.00.

Members thanked the Welsh Water team for the presentation and asked the following:

- a) Due to the recent pandemic and increase in water usage from domestic properties, how has Welsh Water managed the demand?

Officers advised that in 2018 measures were put in place as part of the Brexit planning to optimise water from other reservoirs along with the continuing water efficiency programme whereby Welsh Water are offering virtual water audits to help residents reduce their consumption.

**b) When will the works finish?**

Officers advised that the current works are likely to finish week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**c) Are there any other proposed works for other areas of the Llynfi Valley?**

Officers advised that currently there are no other works planned for the Llynfi Valley and are confident that the works carried out will be sufficient for the mains water system.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to forward the link to the Welsh Water Community Fund to all Councillors.

**280. MAYORAL EVENTS**

- 8<sup>th</sup> November – Maesteg & Caerau War Memorials for Remembrance Sunday
- 19<sup>th</sup> November – Re-opened Aldi
- 27<sup>th</sup> November – Attended the Christmas tree lights switch-on in Caerau
- 30<sup>th</sup> November – invited to Special Families to see the work they are carrying out

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**281. MINUTES**

The Following Minutes:

- **Full Council** – 03/11/2020
- **Traffic & Transportation Meeting** – 04/11/2020
- **Communications Committee** – 04/11/2020
- **Property, H&S Committee** – 18/11/2020

copies of which had been circulated to Members, were read, accepted as a true record, all recommendations agreed and signed by the Mayor.

## MATTERS ARISING

### 282. MINUTE 225

#### BCBC BUDGET CONSULTATION

The link to the BCBC Budget Consultation placed on MTC Website.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

### 283. MINUTE 231

#### DOG BAG REQUESTS

Email sent to the BCBC Rights of Way Manager requesting whether Maesteg Town Council can install 5 Tikspac posts them on the entrances to the cycle track.

To date no response received – further email sent 23/11/2020

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

### 284. MINUTE 234

#### PURCHASE OF SELECTION BOXES

Received a telephone call to advise that the selection boxes would be delivered on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November instead of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020, an up to date pupil figures was provided by the administrators of the school and the selection boxes will be delivered early December.

Clerk advised that the delivery arrived at 2:15pm and not the expected timed delivery of 11am, Clerk has contacted the supplier who will issue a refund for the timed delivery addition to the delivery costs.

Clerk advised that Garth, Plasnewydd, St Mary's and St Patrick's and YGG Cynnwyd Sant had received their selection boxes and that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be delivering to Caerau and Nantyffyllon Primary Schools.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

### 285. MINUTE 235

#### OTHER CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

Resident figures for the 2 care homes = 66

Toiletries for the hampers were sourced and will be ready for delivery early December. The Clerk advised that each resident will receive a cube of tissues, bar of soap, shower gel, deodorant and a bath bomb in a gift bag.

Mayor advised that he will deliver the gifts to the care homes week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

Members thanked the Clerk for sourcing and packing the gift bags.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**286. MINUTE 238**

**CANCELLING THE CLEANING CONTRACT**

The cleaning contract was cancelled on 27/11/2020 and the current cleaner under TUPE regulations will start as an employee of Maesteg Town Council from 30/11/2020.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**287. MINUTE 239**

**REFERRALS MONTH SINCE LAST MEETING**

▪ **POTHLES**

Further email sent to BCBC to chase response– no response to date

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to chase for response

**288. MINUTE 240**

**VANDELISED BINS**

Email sent to BCBC to advise that Clerk to advise that Maesteg Town Council will fund the 4 post mounted metal bins and to request how many are needed and whether the missing bin which was located by the footpath leading to the 7777's was included.

**Response:** These are the bin areas below that were vandalised, I have today ordered the replacements and will advise when they are delivered.

Thank you for your continued support and if there is anything else you would require, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

The tikspac post are awaiting delivery, as they come from Sweden, I am assuming there is a hold up but again will advise when they arrive and can be fitted.

With regards the 4 sevens, I will speak with the foreman and will get back to you, I have some recycled bins so could sort that out.

- 1 Outside Llynfi surgery
- 2 Outside the USA fried chicken Talbot Street
- 3 Outside the TSB Bank Talbot Street
- 4 Opposite the TSB on the corner of the town hall Talbot street
- 5 Opposite the Blue Pearl fish shop Talbot Street
- 6 Bottom end of town a bit lower down than the Maltsters Commercial Street

Members advised that bin no.1 listed above is the 7777's bin. Members agreed to fund all 6 bin replacements.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to advise BCBC that bin no.1 listed above is the 7777's bin. Members agreed to fund all 6 bin replacements.

**289. MINUTE 241**

**REQUEST TO SITE A DEFIBRILLATOR ON MTC BUILDING**

Following a meeting with the BCBC Conservation Officer the following information was emailed to all Councillors regarding siting a defibrillator:

- *Regarding the placement of the defibrillator, the placement of this brightly coloured item on the front elevation of a grade II\* listed building is unlikely to be supported for listed building consent approval, should an application be forthcoming. This would be for two reasons:*
  - *The visually harmful effect on the building itself – it would significantly detract from the architectural and historic character of the listed building*
  - *Installing such equipment will require drilling into original historic fabric, where water will certainly find its way into the building, regardless of back filling any entry points and the need to drill through the front elevation to deliver a connecting electricity supply.*

*It is suggested that a freestanding plate or similar upright structure to hold the defibrillator be placed near the side of the elevation or a nearby point- I will also discuss this with colleagues to see if a more suitable location can be identified.*

The Clerk then received a response from the Deputy Mayor advising that having discussed with Maesteg Community First Responders, who agree that a more suitable location should be sought.

Members discussed further locations and the Deputy Mayor advised that St Johns Ambulance have agreed to locate the defibrillator in Zoar Chapel, also that the Maesteg First Responders have also been liaising with Maesteg Town Hall to house a defibrillator within the refurbished building.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**290. MINUTE 242**

**HANGING BASKETS**

Following the tender letters for hanging baskets a number of questions were asked as to the exact size of the baskets. An email has been sent to the current contractor that installs the hanging baskets for more information. The measurements were provided and forwarded to the companies for tendering 24/11/2020.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**291. MINUTE 255**  
**FUTURE AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS IN WALES**

Over 200 attendees were on the webinar 17/11/2020 a YouTube video of the webinar will be provided for those unable to attend – to date this has not been provided.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**292. MINUTE 257**  
**FALLEN STONE ON BUILDING**

This was discussed with the BCBC Building Conservation Officer and following a number of emails whereby members have been kept up to date, BCBC Highways have advised that following a site visit by a BCBC Structural Engineer who has confirmed that it would be best to cordon off the whole frontage including the entrance. As such access will be via the rear of the building.

Members wished to thank BCBC for a quick response and support to Maesteg Town Council.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to thank BCBC

**293. MINUTE 258**  
**REFERRALS**

- **TRAFFIC LIGHTS SEQUENCING**

To date no response from BCBC

Clerk queried with the local member as to whether the traffic light sequencing has been amended to which the local member advised that this has not been amended.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to chase BCBC for response.

**294. MINUTE 261**  
**50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – GIFT SUGGESTIONS?**

Clerk has ordered a gold coloured carriage clock online – should arrive by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information



**295. MINUTE 262**

**FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

Letter of thanks and acknowledgement for financial support received from:

- Maesteg Community Responders
- Maesteg Branch RBL

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**296. MINUTE 265**

**SPEED TRAFFIC RECOMMENDATIONS**

Following the meeting further speed surveys will be carried out at the following locations:

- Bryncelyn,
- Fairfield Avenue
- Heol Tywith

Cllr G Thomas advised that BCBC have advised an average speed camera system for the area between Maesteg Hospital to Forge Industrial Estate and will cost £90k for complete installation, to which Go Safe agreed to the scheme.

They advise to use a transition zone in Caerau with VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) that display vehicle registration number along with speed.

Cllr P White advised on the 1<sup>st</sup> approach by BCBC to Go Safe they agreed to support enhanced speed calming measures at Heol Ty Gwyn. However, before this goes to the projects committee need to know how much funding Go Safe would put towards the measures.

Members queried the statistics for VAS signs and the suitability in the areas listed above. Whereby other members agreed that they act as a deterrent

**RESOLVED:** To establish actual costs involved and whether Go Safe with provide any funding towards the schemes.

**297. MINUTE 268**

**PROPOSED WEBSITE RE-CONFIGURATION**

Members were provided with a print out of the new website re-configuration mock up.

Members of the Communications Committee have viewed the online version and have provided the following observations:

- looks good, however unsure about the colours for the wards
- looks great but agreed on the colours. Especially for us who lack colour clarity in our vision.

- agree with previous comments, looks fit for purpose, but ward colours need enhancing.

Members agreed to proceed with the new website reconfiguration.

Members queried whether there would be any cost involved in the reconfiguration of the website. To which the Clerk advised that this is covered within the current contract and once agreed the monthly costs for the website will reduce due to the contract changing to include many of the extras we currently pay for.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact ITCS and advise that members agree to the reconfiguration, however request that the colours for the Wards are changed.

**298. MINUTE 269**

**PROPOSED ANNUAL NEWSLETTER**

Members were provided with a draft newsletter.

BCBC Electoral Services have advised that there are currently 8149 properties within the Maesteg Town Ward.

The cost to deliver to every household within the Maesteg Town Council boundary by a local delivery firm would be £407 in total.

Printing costs for A4, 130gsm silk paper:

- Next Day Delivery = £333.90
- 3 Day Delivery = £317.20

Members discussed the newsletter and deliberated whether a ward specific section could be added before going to print. Some agreed that this would enhance the newsletter and that residents would read their specific ward information, whereas some were against this as Maesteg Town Council is one Council and decisions were made as a collective, the thought of adding ward specific sections would put ward against ward.

Following this discussion, the following was voted for:

**Proposal:** Add a Ward specific section to the newsletter

**Amendment:** Newsletter to be printed and distributed as is

Results:

Name	Vote		Name	Vote
Cllr L Beedle	Amendment		Cllr R Lewis	Proposal
Cllr R Collins	Proposal		Cllr R Martin	Proposal
Cllr C Reeves	Proposal		Cllr R Penhale-Thomas	Amendment

Cllr P Davies	Proposal		Cllr R Davies	Proposal
Cllr P White	Proposal		Cllr A James	Proposal
Cllr I Williams	Amendment		Cllr G Thomas	Proposal
Cllr P Jenkins	Amendment		Cllr L Thomas	Amendment

9 for the Proposal to add Ward specific sections to the newsletter  
5 for the Amendment to keep it as it currently is

Following the results of the vote, it was agreed that Ward specific sections be added to the newsletter and the following Cllrs were nominated to provide the Ward specific information by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December:

Caerau: Cllr P Davies  
Maesteg East: Cllr K Edwards  
Maesteg West: Cllr C Reeves  
Nantyllyllon: Cllr G Thomas

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to await the Ward specific sections before going to print and arranging delivery of the newsletters.

**299. MINUTE 270**  
**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION INSPECTION**  
Remedial work to be carried out 26/11/2020

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**300. MINUTE 271**  
**EMERGENCY LIGHTING**  
Emergency lighting replacements were installed 25/11/2020.

The electricians advise that:

- monthly test of the emergency lighting was needed which could be undertaken by a member of Maesteg Town Council
- yearly 3-hour inspection test undertaken by a qualified electrician

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**301. MINUTE 275**

**TENDER FOR FIREALARM SYSTEM**

Fire alarm quotes for wired systems using the existing wiring

QUOTE 1	QUOTE 2	QUOTE 3
£9,421.59 + VAT	£6,927.00 + VAT	£5,701.00 + VAT
& Annual maintenance £278.58 + VAT	& Annual maintenance £385.00 + VAT	& 1 <sup>st</sup> year maintenance £350.00 + VAT

Members discussed the difference between the prices of quote 1 and the other 2 quotes and **agreed** for the Chair of Property, H&S to look into the quotes in more detail and should they be comparable opt for quote 3.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to provide the full quotes to the Chair of Property, H&S

**302. LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2020**

**RESOLVED:**

That the tables of **Expenditure (£12,504.91)**, **Income (£308.36)** during the month of November 2020; copies of which had been circulated to Members, which included the DD payments, Faster Online Payments and Bank Reconciliation be accepted, confirmed and signed by the Mayor.

It was agreed to add £10,000 into S137 due to the additional monies granted to organisations due to Covid-19.

A copy of the Receipts and Payments Account was also provided for Councillors which include expenditure against the budget and the budget remaining. An income analysis was also provided.

Members thanked the Chair of Finance and Clerk for ongoing work being carried out and the transparency of the information being provided.

**303. AGENDA ITEM 9**

**TO DISCUSS TENDER FOR HANGING BASKETS**

Members were provided with the quotes received for the provision of hanging baskets for the Town Centre. Currently there are 96 hanging baskets throughout the Town Centre.

The tender included the requirement for the hanging baskets to be stored over winter and have them planted in readiness for the 2021 flowering season. Maesteg Town Council will arrange the delivery and the collection of the hanging baskets to and from you.

- Sizes of the hanging baskets:
- 94 baskets are 460mm diameter, 8ltr reservoir and take 28 litres of compost.
- 2 smaller baskets at 410mm

Responses were in sealed envelopes and only the following information was provided to the Councillors:

**RESPONSES:**

	<b>Quote 1</b>	<b>Quote 2</b>	<b>Quote 3</b>
<b>Per basket</b>	<b>£19.50</b>	<b>£15.85</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,872.00</b>	<b>£1,521.60</b>	<b>£1,920.00</b>

Members looked at the information provided and Cllr L Thomas proposed quote 2 be accepted to which Cllr Jenkins agreed depending on whether the plants to be used were comparable. Members then requested that the Clerk open the envelopes and read what plants were to be included in the hanging baskets.

From this Cllr G Thomas proposed quote 2 be accepted to which Cllrs R Lewis, L Thomas and I Williams seconded.

It was then agreed that Quote 2 be accepted.

Once agreed the Clerk was requested to advise which companies had tendered for each tender.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to contact all tenders with the result of the tender.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**304. COVID-19 SPECIFIC UPDATES & MEDIA UPDATES**

Emailed to all Councillors for information:

- BCBC Media Updates
- Welsh Government updates
- OVW

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

**305. MEETING WITH BCBC CONSERVATION OFFICER**

Clerk advised that the Chair of Property, H&S and Clerk met with the BCBC Conservation Officer to discuss:

- General building restrictions due to Grade II\* status
- Urgent repairs following the fallen stonework

- Pre- planning advice for placing a defibrillator onto the building

The Conservation Officer was impressed with Maesteg Town Council building and the many features still visible. Following the meeting the BCBC Conservation Officer as provided some advice that was shared with all Councillors:

- *BCBC will contact the surveyor that did the Full Building Survey and advise him of last week's events regarding the partial stone collapse at Maesteg Town Council and the need to see his report which will identify the issues that have led to the collapse.*
- *Regarding additions and alterations:*
- *an alteration to a listed building requires listed building consent. Works that are not authorised and the carrying out of such works is a criminal offence under the Planning (listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.*
- *Maesteg Town Council is a grade II\* structure- such designations make up only 5% of ALL listed buildings in the UK. Grade I buildings make up 1% of all listed buildings, the remainder being grade II.*
- *The grade II\* designation makes this building rare- it's a unique resource and non-renewable. We can mimic anything; however, the value lies in the original historic fabric. Change can take place if it is sensitive and a measured response to the building on which it is being placed or executed but ad hoc alterations will not be supported.*

### **306. WORKING ON LISTED BUILDINGS**

Within one of the BCBC media updates sent to all Councillors 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020, was information regarding a course for owners of historic buildings to sign up for a new course about carrying out work on listed buildings. The online course, which is scheduled to run on 27 November 2020 and 5 February 2021, offers a step-by-step guide to making changes to historic structures. Topics covered will include what information needs to be submitted and why, choosing an agent, what happens once the application is in the hands of a built heritage officer, and more. The course, which is being run by Carmarthenshire County Council, will be held from 9.30am until 4.30pm. It costs £45 and you can sign up on the Tywi Centre website.

Permission is sought for the Chair of Property, H&S and the Clerk to attend one of the online training courses.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk and Chair of Property, H&S to complete the training 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

### **307. REFERRALS** **STREETLIGHTS NOT WORKING**

- Streetlights not working near the bridge on Church Street.

Clerk advised that the lights have been repaired on Church Street but no formal response received from BCBC.

- None of the streetlights are working along Library Road, Caerau.

**RESPONSE:** Your concern has now been logged on our system and has been forwarded on to the street lighting department for their attention and action.

Cllr P Davies advised that this is an ongoing issue also being investigated by BCBC Councillors for Caerau

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**308. BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL (EWENNY ROAD, GARTH)  
(TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDER) ORDER 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council as the Highway Authority for Garth in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) intends in not less than 7 days from the date of this Notice to make an Order which will temporarily introduce the restriction set out in the schedule below. The Order is necessary due to insufficient width of carriageway to maintain vehicular access during inspection of rail bridge and is in the interest of public safety. The Order will come into force on the **02/12/2020** and it is anticipated will be operative **between 23:00 on 02/12/2020 and 06:00 on 03/12/2020**, or until such time as the works are completed, and will continue in force for a maximum period of eighteen months.

Schedule

No person shall cause any vehicle to proceed in Eweny Road, Garth at a distance of 20 metres either side of the rail bridge (a distance of approximately 45 metres).

The restriction shall however only apply at such time and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs prescribed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

The alternative route is via Bethania Street, Unnamed road from Bethania Street to Oakwood Drive, Oakwood Drive and reverse in opposite direction.

Access for pedestrians and emergency vehicles will be maintained.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**309. REQUEST FOR GREY BAGS FOR LITTER PICKING**

Request from a resident for red or grey rubbish bags to collect litter around our area, it's an ongoing problem, however more people are helping. Email forwarded to Cllr P Davies who is the Maesteg Keep Wales Clean HUB contact.

Cllr P Davies advised that he had been in contact with the resident and had arranged for the resident to receive the bags and litter pickers as part of the Keep Wales Clean Hub.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**310. COMPLAINTS ABOUT CAR PARK OUTSIDE ALDI**

A number of Cllrs are receiving complaints regarding parking spaces in the car park next to Aldi following the extension - it seems the disabled bays have been removed to install a trolley park. Request to see if the Clerk could clarify if parking spaces are being reinstated as it is imperative, we do not lose spaces and in particular disabled, mother child spaces. Clerk advised that all alterations for Aldi were in the planning application, whereby Maesteg Town Council had no objections. The full details of the planning application can be found on BCBC website under planning application number **P/20/217/FUL** unfortunately Clerk unable to access the plans at the time of the request.

Members discussed this issue at length and agreed that many bays had been removed, however it was noted that Maesteg Town Council did not have any objections to the original planning application.

Clerk also advised that there had been complaints about a barrier being used for customers to enter the store safely, however customers then have to walk into to road to the car park when exiting the store. Members discussed this and customers have always had to walk into the road of the car park.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to ask how many bays have been removed and whether any more bays will be reinstated for disabled residents.

**311. FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

**A) CAERAU ALLOTMENT GROUP**

Members were provided with a letter requesting financial assistance from Caerau Allotment Group to fund:

- Security metal gates
- Internal road to accommodate vehicles entering site
- Raised Beds

Members discussed this request as Caerau Allotment Group is private individuals growing for themselves and as mentioned in the letter a previous



grant was allotted to Caerau Market Garden that is a community-based garden growing produce for the community and not for private individuals.

A few other queries were raised that the land owners should provide security fencing and internal roads, it was agreed that a letter be written to the Caerau Allotment Group asking for the following information:

- Land Ownership
- Constitution
- Recent Accounts

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to write to Caerau Allotment Group to request the above.

## **B) SPECIAL FAMILIES**

Members were provided with a poster where Special Families are running a community Christmas appeal. They are requesting donations of food, toiletries, stationery and toys in order to create hampers to give out to families that are struggling over the festive season. Within the online link [www.sfmaesteg.org/christmas-appeal](http://www.sfmaesteg.org/christmas-appeal) there is a section where monetary donations can also be given.

Further to this an email was also received requesting funding from Maesteg Town Council to support our Community Christmas Appeal 2020.

This fund will buy necessary supplies to support those in need in the community together with donations and other supporters

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Council donate the sum of £1000 under the Power of Wellbeing and recently named Christmas Hardship Fund of Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

## **C) SALVATION ARMY MAESTEG**

Request for grant funding or to purchase toys for children that may go without this Christmas, it is more important this year due to the number of family's struggling on low income, due to covid, and those forced into benefit because of covid.

The salvation army is one of many organisations who distribute toys to the local area and also work alongside and in conjunction with other local charities, as previous years many local families benefit from these donations, to give to their children who in a number of cases have very little and a lot of cases nothing at all at Christmas time.

Each year The Salvation Army in Maesteg take part in the Christmas Present appeal, which provides gifts for needy families in the community.

This year due to the financial implications of the Covid-19 pandemic we expect the demand to be even greater.

With that in mind, I write to inquire if there is any financial assistance available from Maesteg Town Council, any financial aid given will stay within our community.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Council donate the sum of £1000 under the Power of Wellbeing and recently named Christmas Hardship Fund of Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

**D) CDT – CHRISTMAS DINNER APPEAL**

Please see attached letter requesting funding for a three-course Christmas meal and a selection box to already identified individuals and families. We are requesting a sum of £600.00 to provide the community with this much needed assistance during this difficult time. The money will go towards the food costs, delivery costs and additional catering costs incurred.

**RESOLVED:** It was agreed that Council donate the sum of £600 under the Power of Wellbeing and recently named Christmas Hardship Fund of Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

**E) NODDFA COMMUNITY PROJECT & NANTYFFYLLON YOUTH CLUB**

Due to the unfortunate situation with Covid-19 we have seen the negative impact it has had on children and young people in the valley and in particular where we are based in Caerau, through disruption and uncertainty to their usual routines, interactions, outlets for fun, social opportunities, health, and well-being having been affected and severely changed. The need for provisions, services and activities which support, engage and a sense of belonging is greater than ever, particularly to those most vulnerable and struggling through poverty and hardship.

We would like to make a request to Maesteg Town Council to help us to support the community of Caerau by reaching children and young people, with one of our festive kids projects, and provide them with Festive Activity Packs. These will be created by our volunteers at Noddfa Community Project and Nantyffyllon Youth Club and will contain a range of items such as a jam-packed activity workbook, arts and crafts, competition, letter to Santa activity, reindeer food, support information, a treat, and more!

To make this happen we are making a request for a kind donation of £1,000 towards our festive kids project of Festive Activity Packs from Maesteg Town Council please.

**RESOLVED:** Council donate the sum of £500 to Noddfa Community Project and £500 to Nantffyllon Youth Club under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

**F) CANCER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CISS)**

Annual request for financial support. CISS work closely with The Princess of Wales Hospital to ensure individuals receive the support they need to help them live with Cancer. The service is free and confidential and is delivered by a team of experienced staff all of whom are accredited by the British Association of counselling and Psychotherapy. The team is supported by a network of local volunteers. Support patients within Maesteg Town.

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

**312. DELEGATES REPORTS**

No Delegates Reports in November 2020

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

**313. PLANNING**

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

The following applications received no objections:

Ref: P/20/813/FUL  
Applicant: Mr D Williams  
Location: 26 Coegnant Road Maesteg CF34 0TD  
Proposal: Second storey bedroom addition over existing kitchen/bathroom to rear elevation

Ref: P/20/828/FUL  
Applicant: Mr Paul Treloar  
Location: 7 Crown Row Garth Maesteg CF34 0LG  
Proposal: Second storey flat roof bedroom addition over rear annexe

Ref: P/20/764/FUL  
Applicant: Mr H Hillier-Rees  
Location: 79 Mill View Estate Maesteg CF34 0DE

Proposal: Construct pitched roof over existing garage to create games room/store with pitched roof dormer to front.

Ref: P/20/716/FUL

Applicant: Filco Supermarkets Ltd

Location: 6 & 7 Talbot Street Maesteg CF34 9BT

Proposal: Rear extension and alterations to increase the number of residential apartments from two to six; minor internal alterations to convert two existing retail units to one larger combined retail unit and proposed replacement and improvements to the shopfronts

Ref: P/20/846/FUL

Applicant: Mrs J McCook

Location: 28 Albert Street Caerau Maesteg CF34 0UF

Proposal: Single storey detached garage to rear garden

Ref: P/20/811/FUL

Applicant: Rachel Lewis

Location: 22 Ystad Celyn Maesteg CF34 9LT

Proposal: Demolish existing garage and construct single storey flat roof extension to rear and side with garage

Ref: P/20/819/FUL

Applicant: Mr R Griffiths

Location: Maes Y Dderwen Picton Place Maesteg CF34 0HS

Proposal: Retention of shed as extended

Members objected to the following application due to the existing paths and access road width being too narrow

Ref: P/19/525/FUL

Applicant: Mr Richards

Location: Land off Coegnant Road Maesteg CF34 0HU

Proposal: One pair of semi-detached bungalows with associated landscape and external works including road and footpath

Members objected to the following application due to many concerns with land drainage, sewerage and flooding.

Ref: P/20/775/OUT

Applicant: Mrs Jan Howells

Location: Land south of Caer Gymrig Garth Maesteg

Proposal: 3no. 2 storey, 4 bedroom detached dwellings

Members objected to the following application as there is a large number of takeaways in the vicinity of this application and parking in the evening is currently difficult.

Ref: P/20/859/FUL  
Applicant: Mr Gurpreet Singh  
Location: 10 Caerau Road Caerau Maesteg CF34 0PB  
Proposal: Change of use of retail shop (A1) to hot-food takeaway chip shop (A3)

Members objected to the following application due to the proximity to the residential area where there are currently issues with noise and traffic.

Ref: P/20/898/RLX  
Applicant: Aldi Stores Limited  
Location: Aldi Unit 1 Llynfi Walk Llynfi Road Maesteg CF34 9DS  
Proposal: Vary condition 1 of P/14/65/RLX to allow the store to unload deliveries between 0500 and 2200 daily

Made the following observation on the following application - members queried whether there is enough parking for a house of this potential size?

Ref: P/20/849/FUL  
Applicant: Mr Andrew Maynard  
Location: 1B Garnwen Road Nantyllyllon Maesteg CF34 0EY  
Proposal: Raise roof of bungalow to provide 4 no bedrooms and 2 no bathrooms to first floor.

**Read and corrections accepted at a remote meeting of the Council  
held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

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**Mayor**