

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of an **EXTRAORDINARY** meeting of the **Council** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Monday, 22nd March 2021**.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

A James (Mayor)

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

APOLOGIES due to his Declaration of interest in the item to be discussed Cllr L Thomas provided his apologies for not attending.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Prior to the meeting Cllr L Thomas declared an interest in AWEN Cultural Trust.

433. TO DISCUSS AWEN CULTURAL TRUST PAYMENT

Members were advised that following the Full Council meeting held 02/03/2021 it was agreed to hold an Extraordinary Council Meeting to discuss the Awen Cultural Trust payment.

Cllr W May **proposed** and seconded by Cllr K Edwards that the payment be split into 2 financial years i.e. 2019/2020 and 2020/2021.

Members queried why split into 2 years as the money had already been promised to Awen, however there was a dispute as to the amount as the email from the previous Clerk to Awen was for £20K and £15K. in the last Finance Committee members voted on whether to award £30K or £40K.

Following no objections to Cllr W May proposal to split the payment into 2 years, Cllr W May then **proposed** and seconded by Cllr G Thomas that £20K be awarded for 2019/20. Following no objections it was **agreed** to award Awen Cultural Trust a grant of £20K for 2019/20

Cllr C Reeves then **proposed** and seconded by Cllr P White that £20K be awarded for 2020/21.

Cllr G Thomas called for an **amendment** that was seconded by Cllr K Edwards for £15K be awarded for 2020/21.

Members **voted** on the **amendment** with the following recorded vote:

Name	Vote	Name	Vote
Cllr R Davies	Against	Cllr P White	Against
Cllr R Martin	Against	Cllr I Williams	For
Cllr L Beedle	For	Cllr R Collins	Against
Cllr R Lewis	Against	Cllr W May	Abstain
Cllr K Edwards	For	Cllr R Penhale-Thomas	Against
Cllr G Thomas	For	Cllr C Reeves	Against
Cllr A James	Against		

Against = 8

For = 4

Abstain = 1

Following the above vote the proposal of £20K for 2020/21 was passed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise AWEN Cultural Trust that £20K grant has been awarded for 2019/20 and £20K grant has been awarded for 2020/21 totalling £40K. Money is to be paid via online payment before the end of the financial year and to be used as Maesteg Town Council contribution to the Maesteg Town Hall refurbishment.

Minutes emailed to all Councillors to Read on 23rd March 2021

**Minutes accepted at a remote meeting of the Council
held on 13th April 2021**

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Mayor