

## **MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of an **EXTRAORDINARY** meeting of the **Council** held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

### **PRESENT:**

#### **COUNCILLORS:**

**AR Davies (Mayor)**

L Beedle, P Davies, K Edwards, A James, R Lewis, W May,  
R Martin, R Penhale-Thomas, C Reeves, G Thomas,  
L Thomas, S Smith and I Williams.

**APOLOGIES** for absence received from Councillors R Collins and P Jenkins

Clerk advised members that Cllr R Collins father had sadly passed away just before the New Year and passed on our condolences to Cllr Collins. Cllr P Davies advised that Mr Collins was a well known business man in the Valley and request that MTC send condolences to Cllr Collins.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllrs P Davies, K Edwards and R Penhale-Thomas declared an interest in items relating to Bridgend County Borough Council and advised that they would leave the meeting when discussing the precept figure.

Cllrs R Lewis, C Reeves and I Williams declared an interest in items that may relate to Llangynwyd Middle Community Council.

Cllr L Thomas declared an interest in items relating to AWEN Cultural Trust.

### **366. TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2021-22**

Prior to the meeting members were provided with the following documents:

- DRAFT Budget sheet used in the Finance Committee meeting 06/12/2021 with the Draft Minutes from the Finance Committee Meeting 06/12/2021 for the detailed budget reports.
- Proposed Budget 2022-2023
- Precept and Council Tax

Members discussed the budget and proposals and agreed with the Finance Committee recommendations.

Members queried when the insurance settlement money would be received – Clerk advised that this had been received 23/12/2021.

Members then discussed the current situation whereby the boilers have broken and there is no heating in the building that a sum of money is set aside for the repair/replacement of the heating system. Clerk advised that previously in early 2020 the quotes for replacing the boilers were approx. £20K and that the quotes were out of date and that the plumber is currently reluctant to provide a quote as he is finding it difficult to source boilers as there is a supplier issue. Additionally, one other company have been to look at the system but have yet to provide a quote.

Cllr L Thomas **proposed** and was seconded by Cllr K Edwards that £20,000.00 is set aside for the boiler replacement.

Cllr A James requested an **amendment** and was seconded by Cllr R Lewis that £25,000.00 is set aside for the boiler replacement.

Following this Cllr L Thomas removed his proposal and the amendment stands. Cllr R Penhale-Thomas advised that BCBC have also advised that the boiler replacement can be included within the Urban Centre Property Enhancement Fund Grant application.

The Chair of Finance Cllr G Thomas **proposed** and was seconded by Cllr R Martin that MTC accept the budget proposals.

**RESOLVED:**

1. All recommendations from the Finance Committee be accepted
2. The incumbent Council discuss the Capital Projects and Maintenance requirements
3. £25,000.00 be set aside for the boiler replacement
4. Accept the budget proposals

**367. PRECEPT REQUIREMENT FOR 2022-23**

Councillors P Davies, K Edwards and R Penhale-Thomas left the meeting; therefore, took no part in the discussion on the precept requirement.

The Clerk asked to read out Cllr P Jenkins email with comments on the precept requirement and was advised by Cllr W May that unless a member is present then comments within an email cannot be read out.

Members were reminded that the figures were based on the precept for 2022-23 to remain the same as that of 2021-22 i.e. £330,919.00

The Tax base used in the calculations is 5607.22 and was supplied by Bridgend County Borough Council (see email 26/11/2021). In effect this means that for every £1,000.00 raised, a Band D property owner would be expected to pay 17.83pence (rounded off)

*For your information a “tax base” is the number of Band D equivalent dwellings in a local authority area. To calculate the tax base for an area, the number of dwellings in each council tax band is adjusted to take account of any discounts, premiums or exemptions.*

Based on the figures, a band D property owner will pay £59.02 council tax and members were provided with a schedule explaining what other property owners/occupiers in the various council tax property bands would be subjected to.

Chair of Finance **proposed** and was seconded by Cllr L Thomas that the precept raised for 2022-23 remains the same as 2020-21 a figure of **£330,919.00**

The Chair of Finance also advised that the precept wouldn't decrease as the additional income received in 2021-22 was not expected and would be used to increase reserves. Chair of Finance thanked Clerk and Deputy Clerk for providing documents in a timely manner before the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to advise BCBC Finance department of Maesteg Town Council precept requirement for 2022-23

**Minutes emailed to all Councillors to Read on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Minutes accepted at a remote meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

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**Mayor**