

**MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of a **JOINT COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE** meeting held remotely via Microsoft Teams on **Tuesday, 15th February 2022.**

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS: **AR DAVIES (Chair)**

A James, P Jenkins, R Penhale-Thomas and L Thomas

APOLOGIES: NONE

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: NONE

452. TO DISCUSS DATES FOR KEEPER OF THE COLLIERY FUN RUN (EVENTS COMMITTEE)

Members were provided with the following information:

Clerk has contacted Yr Hen Blwyf running club in Maesteg to ask about the running calendar and when would be an appropriate date for the Keeper of the colliery fun run in 2022 as this information needs to be set asap in order for the running clubs and individuals to place it within their calendars.

Once a date has been set, we can then approach Maesteg Comprehensive School for the access required.

From the internet, Clerk and Deputy Clerk have found the following dates already booked for fun runs:

4 th June 2022	Porthcawl Vogum 2022
12 th June 2022	Swansea half marathon
18 th June 2022	Rhyl 1km fun run
25 th June 2022	Afan Forest Trail festival
1 st July 2022	Tenby
10 th July 2022	Chepstow
10 th July 2022	Ammanford
23 rd July 2022	Beacons Way ultra-100-mile run
4 th September 2022	Cardiff 10km
23 rd October 2022	Bangor fun run
20 th November 2022	Conwy 1 mile fun run

Response received from Yr Hen Blwyf Running Club

I've been looking at the race calendar for this year and it's looking pretty full due to all the runs that were cancelled due to COVID.

July 10th is looking good as a day for the run.

It's a week after the Porthcawl 10k and everyone I've talked to thinks it's a good date for the run. I can't see any races on that day but if there is we can't please everyone.

The last time the run was held Ogmores Phoenix Running Club asked if they could get involved in the run and help out in any way they could.

If you want them to get involved, I can get in touch with their chairman.

A member asked the date when the festival will be running this year but the Deputy Clerk advised that in the most recent meeting of the Full Council this had been put off until a new council is elected. This was added to by another member who stated that the festival usually utilises the Town Hall and Council Office spaces and with construction works currently ongoing in both buildings then many events for the festival would be difficult to house. The member also added that the paperwork and volunteers required to run the event is vast, and with councils usual volunteers having stopped assisting the council in recent years, then the fun run would be best left to the new council in May along with the festival so that they can gauge the appetite of volunteers and perhaps assist themselves. The Deputy Clerk assured the members that the paperwork is already in place to be submitted along with some logistical goods to aid in the fun run along with the assistance of the CMO so the main issue would likely be volunteers but we can ask the running groups who are interested in helping run the event would be able to assist.

Cllr A James stated that they would like to see the fun run go on this year regardless of the new council that is due to come in with the May elections. He suggested that it would be prudent to approach an events management company who could run the fun run and then bring the quotes before the committee to determine if MTC should run the event or allow the events company to take over the event which will still be supported by MTC. This was seconded by Cllr Penhale-Thomas who wanted to state that members should continue to support actions undertaken by the council despite the looming election and to put plans in place for the fun run to take place so that if the new council determines that the event cannot go ahead in the future then cancelling the event would be easier than organising an event with very little time between the election and the presumed date for the fun run.

Cllr L Thomas proposed that we ask the running clubs who are interested in helping run the event to assist in the form of providing volunteers and obtain some tenders

from event management companies to run the event and take the overall decision when this information is in place. This was seconded by Cllr A James and the proposal had no objections. No date was set for the meeting until this proposal has been answered.

453. TO DISCUSS THE NEWSLETTER AND WARD SECTIONS (COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE)

Members were provided with a draft copy of the annual newsletter and asked their opinions and if they would like to add any additional information.

A member stated that the section about the works to the Council Offices were very comprehensive and likely not relevant to most readers in Maesteg so to reduce this almost entirely and replace with a brief overview of works that just states that the Offices are undergoing maintenance.

It was mentioned to include the litter picking activities that had been undertaken by each ward throughout the year in addition to the already mentioned litter picking goods purchased with the ward funds section.

Members wanted to include a list of S137 grants paid in the previous year and to include the most recent funding to the schools and what projects the schools plan to do with the funds allocated by MTC.

The chair asked to include an overview of works that the CMO has done since starting work for MTC which was seconded by the other members.

A member suggested that we also provide information on how to access the councils' meetings and to encourage the community to provide their opinions on what projects the council should attempt to undertake.

454. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (a) ask the running clubs who are interested in helping run the event to assist in the form of providing volunteers
- (b) Acquire tenders from event management companies to run the event
- (c) Adjust building works section to provide a brief summary of works being done
- (d) Include some detailed accounts of litter picking
- (e) Include list of S137 grants supported throughout the year including the recent ones for the local primary schools.
- (f) Include a summary of works completed by the CMO since joining the council
- (g) Provide the information on how members of the community can attend meetings of the council and urge them to submit ideas for projects that the council can attempt to undertake

Minutes emailed to all Councillors to read on 16th February 2022

Minutes accepted at a remote meeting of the Council held on 1st March 2022

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Mayor