

**MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL  
EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a **HYBRID** meeting of the **Events Committee** was held remotely via Microsoft Teams and at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022**.

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS:**        **A James (Mayor)**  
                                 C Davies, C Knight and L Thomas

**APOLOGIES** for absence received from Councillor **P Davies**

**59. TO DISCUSS CHRISTMAS LIGHTING 2022**

Members were provided with the following:

- **Full Council 07/06/22**  
**MINUTE 44 - CHRISTMAS 2022**
- **FULL COUNCIL 11/01/2022**  
**MINUTE 403 - MAESTEG SANTA SELFIE EVENT REPORT**

Members discussed that the Santa selfie grotto worked well in 2021 and recommend to council that we seek costs for 2022. Additionally, the Caerau Menshed ‘Santa Sleigh through the valley’ worked well and members are keen to collaborate with Caerau Menshed again.

A member suggested a Christmas food fayre in the market square to feature local traders and produce. Clerk advised that previously BCBC require any food event; organisers and stall holders have to possess food safety qualification (at least level 2). Additionally, members were advised that MTC would need permission from BCBC’s market square manager and comply with the ESAG committee before planning an event in the market square.

Members discussed the reinstatement of the Christmas parade for 2022. Clerk advised that due to the ongoing Maesteg Town Hall works there is not sufficient area for bystanders to watch the parade. Additionally, what route would the lorries take as there is now a traffic order in the bus station. A member suggested lorries drive to Asda then go back to the starting point. Clerk enquired how they would do this as members of the public fill Talbot street. A member suggested the parade end at Llynfi road car park, clerk queried where the lorries could turn around as members of the public follow the parade lorries. Members agreed to seek SWP advice.

A member raised the request for a Christmas tree in Nantyffyllon. A suggested location was the green in High Street just after the Nantyffyllon sign. Members agreed for the clerk to ask Centregreat for costings. A member queried Christmas trees for the other areas of Maesteg and the possibility of ward funds being used for this.

Another suggestion was for a Christmas disco for teenagers of the valley. Unfortunately, previously a disco would be held in the Town Hall following the parade. Members agreed this would be something to look into when the Town Hall reopens.

**60. TO DISCUSS MAYORS BALL 2022/23**

Members were provided with the following information:

- **Full Council 07/06/22**

- **MINUTE 51.1 - TO CONSIDER CLLR P JENKINS REQUESTS**

Members deliberated the request to reinstate the Mayors ball and agreed that it is the Mayors ball and not the councils ball. There are plenty of venues within the area that could facilitate a ball and it was agreed that the Mayor and previous Mayor would discuss a joint ball to be held during this Mayoral year.

**61. TO DISCUSS GŴYL MAESTEG FESTIVAL**

Members were provided with previous years minutes that discussed the Gŵyl Maesteg festival along with previous flyers.

Since the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted Maesteg Town Council have agreed to reinstate the Keeper of the Colliery Fun Run. The Mayor requested that the events company is contacted to see if the Mayor can open the race and present awards.

A member brought a letter from the Maesteg Classic Owners Group (COGS) who wish to organise a classic car show at Tescos overflow car park. Permission has been granted by Tesco but they asked to check with the council for any licenses or health and safety regulations requirements. Members agreed to recommend that Maesteg Town Council support this event and to enquire with COGS the running costs of the event and see what involvement they would like from the Council.

Clerk raised that previously the Gwyl Maesteg Festival provided entertainment/event for primary school children. The Mayor advised there is only 4 weeks left of term and that it would be difficult for schools to facilitate an event. A suggestion was for a school competition to be held across all the primary schools to depict 'Summer in Maesteg' theme. The Mayor will discuss ideas with the primary schools and report back.

**62. RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL COUNCIL**

1. Contact EPM Creative about costings to Santa Selfie Grotto for Christmas 2022
2. Contact Caerau Menshed to collaborate a santa sleigh through the valley again for Christmas 2022.
3. Contact BCBC market square manager for use of the market square for a food fayre for Christmas 2022.
4. Contact shared regulatory services for the food safety requirements of organising a Christmas food fayre for 2022.
5. Contact SWP for advice in reinstating the Christmas parade for 2022 and a possible route.
6. Contact centregreat for costings relating to Christmas tree near High Street, Nantyffyllon.
7. For Mayor and past Mayor Cllr AR Davies to discuss the possibility of a joint ball.
8. Contact EPM to ask if Mayor can open the fun run and give out awards.
9. Contact COGS to ascertain what involvement they require from MTC.
10. Mayor to provide a report of what schools are able to do before the end of term for a creative competition. (Photo, drawings, sculptures etc.)

**Minutes emailed to all Councillors to Read on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

**Minutes accepted at a Hybrid meeting of the Council  
held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

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**Mayor**