**MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a **HYBRID** meeting of the **Bus Route 37 Sub-Committee** held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg and remotely via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 24th November 2022.

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS:** R Penhale-Thomas (Chair)

P Jenkins and R Martin

**APOLOGIES:** F Abedalkarim, A James

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**: None Received

1. **TO RECAP FROM LAST MEETING**

Members recapped on last week’s meeting whereby some useful ideas were discussed.

Members deliberated the need for a service for the residents of the areas affected by the cancellation of Bus Route 37 and not for this to become a school bus service.

It was agreed that the sub-committee should look at a small service and then increase the route if it was beneficial to the communities.

1. **DISCUSS ADVICE FROM BUS COMPANY 2**

Clerk advised that unfortunately a representative from bus company 2 was unable to meet with the sub-committee, however they did provide the following information:

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed tender for running a regular service. We are interested however, as most of our vehicles and drivers cover the school routes, we would only be able to operate from 09:00-14:00 and maybe 16:00-17:00. If this is still something you would be open to, I will happily provide a quotation for this.

Bus company 2 stated an amount per run. Members asked that the Clerk clarify what is meant by per run and what route the service would take.

1. **RECCOMENDATIONS**
2. To clarify with bus company 2 what is meant by per run and what route
3. To request a meeting with Kevin Sales BCBC Transportation Officer for advice on route, timings etc.
4. To agree timings for the trial service

option 1 = 8:30am – 4:30pm

option 2 = 9:30am – 2:30pm

1. Start the trial on 2 days per week then if the service is being utilised then increase the number of days – need to agree which days to trial.
2. Seek funding for this type of service
3. Ask One Voice Wales for advice on the statutory powers to provide this type of service and whether there are any other T&CC’s providing this type of service to residents.
4. Ask our Senedd member if Welsh Government have any plans in the future to support public transport within the valley communities.
5. Once all above is clarified then to produce a Tender document to send to both bus companies for a full breakdown of costs involved whereby MTC state the route, timings, cost to the public etc.

**Minutes emailed to Councillors to Read on 29th November 2022**

**Minutes accepted at a Hybrid meeting of the Council held on 6th December 2022**

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**Mayor**