

MAESTEG TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an **EXTRAORDINARY HYBRID** meeting of the **Council** held remotely via Microsoft Teams and at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg, on **Thursday, 8th June 2023**.

PRESENT:

COUNCILLORS:

C Davies (Deputy Mayor)

F Abedalkarim, AR Davies, A James, C Knight,
A LeGeyt, R Penhale-Thomas, M Rowlands, G Thomas,
L Thomas, G Williams and I Williams

APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs P Davies, P Jenkins and R Martin

DECLARATION OF INTEREST: none received

82. TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

The Mayor welcomed Mr GW Davies MBE to the meeting to present his Internal Auditors Report.

Members raised the following questions:

1) On the Annual Return, what are the Debtors (line 8) and Creditors (line 10)?
The Internal Auditor advised that the debtors are payments owed to MTC and the creditors are payments to be made by MTC. The Clerk advised that the breakdown of the list of debtors & creditors was given to the Finance Committee and this will also be emailed to all members.

2) Why is the income for the year end 2022 so high?
The Internal Auditor advised that the insurance pay out was received in that financial year.

3) In the Internal Auditor report under statement 3, how will these recommendations be actioned?
The Clerk advised that in June's Full Council meeting this was one of the recommendations from the Finance Committee meeting and that the Personnel Committee will be meeting to discuss a lone working policy. The Chair of Finance also advised that the Finance Committee will also be meeting shortly.

The Chair of Finance thanked the internal auditor for his diligence and for preparing the end of year internal auditor's report and reminded members that this is Mr GW Davies final year as MTC Internal Auditor.

The Deputy Mayor and other members also thanked Mr GW Davies for his work as MTC Internal Auditor.

RESOLVED: To accept the Internal Auditors Report

83. ANNUAL RETURN OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Members were provided with copies of the Annual Return for the Year ended 31 March 2023. Clerk proceeded to go through the Annual Governance Statement and members answered each item accordingly. The form was signed by the Clerk & RFO and the Chair of the Meeting, Deputy Mayor Cllr C Davies.

RESOLVED:

- Annual Return Year Ended 31 March 2023 form completed, signed and dated by RFO and Chair of Meeting (Deputy Mayor).
- Annual Return Form, Internal Auditor’s Report to be sent to Audit Wales and placed onto the website

At the end of the meeting members thanked the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for the work involved in completing the Annual Return

Minutes emailed to all Councillors to Read on 9th June 2023

**Minutes accepted at a HYBRID meeting of the Council
held on 4th July 2023**

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Mayor