

## 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 **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

### **PRESENT:**

#### **COUNCILLORS:**

**R Martin (Mayor)**

F Abedalkarim, AR Davies, C Davies, P Davies, A James, P Jenkins, A Le Geyt, R Lewis, G Thomas, G Williams and I Williams

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Knight and L Thomas

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None

### **252. TO DISCUSS THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SCHEME FROM CENTREGREAT WITH THE COSTS FOR PURCHASING OR LEASING LIGHTS**

Members were provided with costings for the following and were asked to confirm a colour scheme for new lights if the Council decide to have new ones installed;

- Lease and purchase options for new icicle lights, tree lights and column mounted features on Commercial and Talbot Street.
- Supply, installation, dressing, undressing, removal, and recycling of 4' Christmas trees into brackets already in place at locations on Commercial and Talbot Street.
- Supply, installation, dressing, undressing, removal, and recycling of 25' tree in a location TBA within the town centre.
- Supply, installation, dressing, undressing, removal, and recycling of Christmas trees to be placed in each of the 4 wards of Maesteg Town Council – Caerau, Nantyffyllon, Maesteg East and Maesteg West

Members discussed the options and confirmed that when the Council met with Centregreat previously, it was advised that the current Christmas lights are circa 15-20 years old and have seen their best days with many now not suitable to be erected again.

Cllr I Williams proposed, seconded by Cllrs A Le Geyt and F Abedalkarim that the Council purchase, not lease, new lights for the Town Centre including new lights, along with installation costs for the trees both 4' and 25' versions in the 'cool white' colour scheme. It was also agreed to have a Christmas tree in each ward as per the

costings provided with additional motifs for Nantyffyllon which were purchased previously by the Nanty ward fund.

The Caerau ward members advised that there are currently utility works being undertaken on the proposed site for the Christmas tree and they would have to check with the contractor as to when works are to be completed. It was requested that the Clerks find out the last day to order a Christmas tree, to have installed this year, so the members can assess the situation as it unfolds and confirm the ordering of the Christmas tree for Caerau.

Maesteg East members advised that they have not settled on a location for their Christmas tree and will come back to the clerks with their proposed location.

It was noted that previously, Centregreat advised that the old lights that are still functioning can be utilised throughout the rest of Maesteg and members were still keen to pursue this.

**RESOLVED:**

Council to purchase new Christmas lights for Talbot and Commercial street in the 'cool white' colour scheme to the sum of £32,531.

Council to purchase Christmas trees, both 4' and 25' versions, for the Town Centre including new lights - along with singular trees for each of the 4 wards of Maesteg pending location agreements and all related costs for installation, dressing and undressing etc to the sum of £21,971.

**Minutes emailed to all Councillors to Read on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**Minutes accepted at a HYBRID meeting of the Council**  
**held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**

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Mayor