

Minutes of a HYBRID meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Talbot Street, Maesteg and remotely via Microsoft Teams and, on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025**

**PRESENT:** Clerk & Deputy Clerk

**COUNCILLORS**

**IN PERSON:** **G Thomas (Deputy Mayor)**  
F Abedalkarim, K Duggan, P Jenkins, C Knight, A LeGeyt,  
R Martin, R Penhale-Thomas, M Rowlands, L Thomas, and  
G Williams

**ONLINE:** R Collins, AR Davies and C Davies

**APOLOGIES:** P Davies, R Lewis and I Williams.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Cllrs R Collins, P Jenkins and R Penhale-Thomas declared a prejudicial interest in any items relating to Bridgend County Borough Council.

Cllr R Penhale-Thomas declared a personal interest in any matters pertaining to the Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park as Vice Chair of the group.

Cllrs C Knight and R Martin declared an interest in any matters pertaining to the Mayors Charity Fund.

Cllr R Penhale-Thomas declared an interest in the policy committee proposed Town Hall Grant Policy.

**486. POLICE MATTERS**

Deputy Mayor welcomed PC Waddell to the meeting, members were provided with the following crime figures prior to the meeting:

**Maesteg Crime Statistics for March 2025**

	<u>Caerau/ Nanty</u>	<u>Maesteg East</u>	<u>Maesteg West</u>	<u>Llan</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Robbery</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Drugs</b>	2	0	2	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Dwelling Burglary</b>	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Burglary other</b>	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>

<b>Theft of vehicle</b>	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Theft from vehicle</b>	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
<b>All other theft</b>	1	10	15	1	<b>27</b>
<b>Damage</b>	9	4	1	0	<b>14</b>
<b>Violence against a person</b>	21 (2)	15 (3)	11 (2)	6 (1)	<b>53</b>
<b>Domestic related</b>	2	6	3	0	<b>11</b>
<b>All Crime TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>ASB</b>	17	4	4	3	<b>28</b>
<b>Drink Driving</b>	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>

The constable mentioned several crimes that had been dealt with over the month of March and advised of the sentencing as a result of certain offences such as a prolific shoplifter had been arrested, and the bail conditions ban the individual from the Town Centre.

Members raised the following questions;

- Access only roads appear to be used by everyone and not for its intended purpose such as Homfray Street, are you able to investigate?  
*The PC advised that they will certainly look into this tomorrow.*
- Yr Ysfa, there is a van that parks inconsiderately and infringes on the general public and other traffic getting past safely.  
*The PC advised that they would request the assistance of PCSO's to attend the area and educate people if required.*
- Parking on the pavement seems to still be rampant throughout the valley especially outside the Chinese restaurant in Garth, are you able to investigate this?  
*The PC advised that they will certainly look into this tomorrow.*

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

#### **487. THE MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Cllr C Davies attended the following events;

- March 5th Mayors fund meeting
- March 13th 60th wedding anniversary with Cllr Penhale-Thomas
- March 29th 50th wedding anniversary

The Deputy Mayor attended the below event;

- March 15<sup>th</sup> Boys Goytre Hen Choir Annual Gala

**RESOLVED:** To note the information.

#### **488. MINUTES**

The following minutes, copies of the which minutes have been circulated to Members, were taken as read, accepted as a true record, and signed by the Mayor:

- **Full Council** – 04/03/2025 emailed 06/03/2025 were taken as read and confirmed to be an accurate summary of the meeting.
- **Policy Committee** – 17/03/2025 emailed 18/03/2025 were taken as read with the following comments:

A member raised the concern with an item that was within the new application form which asks the potential user how many tickets they assume they will sell. The member felt that this was unfair to be in the application and another member suggested that users could put any figure into this box. It was noted that the primary use of the grant is to support the newly opened Town Hall so the application should be broad and not subject only to tickets sold as some events do not sell tickets but do face hire costs.

The policy committee members defended their position stating that users could hire out the Town Hall for a handful of people which would not be the best use of Council funds.

Cllr P Jenkins **proposed an amendment to the recommendation**, seconded by Cllr G Thomas, that the Council remove the number of tickets option from the application form and then accept the policy and application form as it stands afterwards.

Cllr R Penhale-Thomas declared an interest in this item so did not take part in the discussion or resulting vote. The following vote took place:

<b>Cllr</b>	<b>Agree/Disagree</b>	<b>Cllr</b>	<b>Agree/Disagree</b>
F Abedalkarim	Agree	A LeGeyt	Disagree
R Collins	Disagree	R Martin	Disagree
AR Davies	Agree	M Rowlands	Disagree
C Davies	Agree	G Thomas	Agree
K Duggan	Disagree	L Thomas	Agree
P Jenkins	Agree	G Williams	Agree
C Knight	Disagree		

The results of the vote;

- 6 Against
- 7 For

Following the vote the amendment is accepted and the proposed recommendation falls and the number of tickets to be sold box is removed from the application form.

**RESOLVED:** The tickets assume sold box is to be removed from the application form and the resulting policy and form will be accepted,

## MATTERS ARISING

### 489. MINUTE 453

18.03.25: Emailed South Wales Police who sent the following response:

*'Firstly apologies for the non-attendance recently, this is down to a number of reasons which include resourcing levels of staff and commitments with ongoing incidents at the time of the meeting. We always endeavour to attend the meetings but unfortunately this can change last minute'.*

Members were pleased that South Wales Police were in attendance tonight so no further action is needed.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

### 490. MINUTE 455 MINUTES

- **Finance Committee Recommendations**

3. 05/03/25 emailed Scribe to proceed with Scribe Accounting Software to be installed and ready for the new financial year.
5. Property Committee to look at the asset register. – **to be completed**
6. Chair of finance and clerk to update the risk register and bring back to finance committee to be agreed – **to be completed**
7. 05/03/25 uploaded onto website
8. Clerk and chair of finance to produce a future wellbeing plan ready to be reported during the AGM. – **see agenda item 9**

- **Events Committee Recommendations**

1. To await for an event quote for Maesteg Welfare Park's summer event. Maesteg Town Council will manage the payment of invoices as part of the event and not transfer directly to the Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park as they have had a change in staff who would prefer a large amount of monies to be managed by the Council. – **to be completed – see agenda item 10**
2. 05/03/25: emailed EPM to accept the quote
3. 05/03/25: included within the email to EPM
4. To purchase trophies for 2025:
  - i) Men 10k & 5k
  - ii) Women 10k & 5k**25/03/25 trophies ordered**
5. Order 100 plain white children's t-shirts with the MTC logo. – **to be completed**
6. 05/03/25: included within the email to EPM.
7. To get quotes for race t-shirts and sell at cost to runners. Clerks granted delegated authority to design t-shirts. - **to be completed**
8. 06/03/25: emailed EPM to accept the quote
9. 06/03/25: included within email to EPM
- 10.06/03/25: included within email to EPM

- 11.06/03/25: additional budget line added to
- 12.To agree the criteria and application form (see appendix 1 & 2) for Civic Awards Ceremony **agreed – just need to set a date**
- 13.To get costs and dates for hiring Maesteg Town Hall for the Civic Awards Ceremony in February 2026 **to be completed**

• **ROW Committee Recommendations**

1. To no longer pursue the CMO being trained in weed spraying and consider a contractor if permission is granted by the landowners to spray in the future.
2. Cllr P Davies to check the spraying regulations within BCBC to see if there is a feasible way the Council can undertake weed spraying. **to be completed**
3. 06/03/25:Emailed at Creative to proceed with the digital trails app at £7,000.
4. To issue an amount of money, up to £500 in value to run an advertising campaign upon the launch of the app. - **to be completed once app has been created**
5. 06/03/25: Emailed BCBC ROW and Tourism that MTC intend to proceed with the digital trails app to be implemented in 2025/26 financial year.
6. 06/03/25: Emailed Llan Middle Community Council to see if they would like to add their trails to the app and be granted access. If costs are associated, the Council to review this decision.
7. Chase BCBC ROW for clearer maps. **Awaiting maps**

• **Policy Committee Recommendations**

- 07/03/25 Following policies added to the website
- (1) Warm Hub Policy
  - (2) Selection Box Policy
  - (3) Mayor & Deputy Mayor Roles Policy

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**491. MINUTE 456**

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

05/03/25 Emailed winning website quote. We have had an onboarding meeting and sent our requirements across. They are optimistic about having the website up by end of May beginning of June.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**492. MINUTE 458**

**MAESTEG EAST WARD FUND REQUEST**

07/03/25 Email received via Cllr P Jenkins from BCBC Communities director granting permission.

07/03/25 Emailed MET Fabrications to proceed with installing the handrail

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**493. MINUTE 460**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2025**

07/03/25 Emailed Sunbelt rentals accepting quote for Remembrance Sunday 2025

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**494. MINUTE 461**

**FLAGPOLE**

Still waiting for companies to quote, however when discussing with the AGENT the flagpole would need to be in line with the centre of the building as the ethos of the building is symmetrical design – a flagpole would not be able to be placed on the wall above the parapet entrance as previously suggested as there is no access to the centre of the building to enable a flag to be attached / raised / lowered.

Members asked the clerk to clarify with the agent and BCBC Conservation officer if the Council would need more than the 1 flagpole and what this would look like.

**RESOLVED:** to contact the agent and BCBC Conservation Officer to determine what the singular flagpole would look like.

**495. MINUTE 468**

**DISABLED TOILET REFURBISHMENT**

All quotes are now in and sent to BCBC. The lead time on the new door will be 4 – 6 weeks from the end of March. The works have revealed rotten timber and plasterboard throughout the toilet area due to water ingress from the market square and rising damp, the CMO will be making the necessary repairs to the walls whilst the works are underway.

The new floor has a damp base membrane which will combat the rising damp issue. BCBC have raised a job with their surveyors to look at the drain outside of the toilet entrance that is not suitable and overflows during wet periods. The resulting surface water then enters the toilet area and lift shaft causing the issues that we have experienced.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**496. MINUTE 474**

**BENCHES ON CYCLE TRACK**

07/03/25 3 x benches ordered. Lester is scouting the locations and determining access. There are bollards blocking vehicle access to the hill behind the menshed which Cllr P Davies has kindly offered to ask BCBC if they have a key.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**497. MINUTE 475**

**BUILDING WORKS – ADDITIONAL WORK**

Tender post placed on social media requesting quotes to repaint the rooms within the building

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**498. MINUTE 477**

**REQUEST – LLAN MIDDLE CC**

06/03/25: Emailed Llangynwyd Middle CC to advise that we will service the bin for them at the cost of £25 per visit.

Cllr K Duggan, who also sits on Llangynwyd Middle Community Council advised that their Council have met and agreed this quote and their Clerk should be informing us shortly.

**RESOLVED:** To await the confirmation from Llangynwyd Middle Community Council.

**499. MINUTE 480**

**REQUEST TO HOLD A BEGINNERS CERAMIC SCULPTURE CLASS**

07/03/25 Emailed to advise permission has been granted to hold classes within the building at a cost of £15 per morning / afternoon or £30 per day on basis that it is returned to its original state afterwards and to offer marketing assistance if required. Session booked for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**500. MINUTE 482**

**FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

Emails of thanks received from:

- Cancer Information and Support Services
- Menter Bro Ogwr
- Noddfa Youth & Community Project
- The Forced Fitness Team

**FINANCE**

**501. LIST OF PAYMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025**

**RESOLVED:**

That the tables of **Expenditure (£98,455.54)** **Income (£102,664.01)** during the month of March 2025; copies of which had been circulated to Members, which included the DD payments, Faster Online Payments, VAT return and Bank Reconciliation be accepted, confirmed, and signed by the Deputy Mayor.

Members were also provided with:

- list of payments to be made in April 2025 totalling **£3,677.22**
- A copy of the Receipts and Payments Account which includes expenditure against the budget and the budget remaining and an income analysis.
- VAT Q4 totalling **£24,153.20**

The Chair of Finance advised that the year-end position of the Council is looking favourable with the Council looking to be £33,000 better off than predicted.

The Clerk advised that BCBC are still requesting the NNDR payment for the 2 years previously mentioned. A member asked if this was the first time the Council are hearing of this. It was advised that this issue has been ongoing for many months, and the previous internal auditor, clerk and chair of finance had written to the Chief Executive about the requested payment. A member stated that we should request a '*statement of reasons for debt*' as there is a discrepancy between the reasoning for the billing and the available evidence to the contrary. The Chair of Finance advised that he would write to BCBC once more.

The clerk advised that Kone are still chasing payment for an annual contract that was cancelled officially and to terms of the contract despite many letters confirming this and Kone confirming they approved our cancellation over the telephone.

Members **agreed** to seek legal advice on the matter.

The Chair of Finance also requested prior to the meeting that the following information be considered:

Our new financial regulations state:

#### 4. Budget and precept

4.4. Unspent budgets for completed projects shall not be carried forward to a subsequent year. Unspent funds for partially completed projects may only be carried forward (by placing them in an earmarked reserve) with the formal approval of the full council.

Request that the following funds be carried over into next years budget as earmarked reserves:

		Approx £
Graffiti murals	for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> mural at the end of town	£6,700.00
CAT Grant	We said this would close in April 2025 last year and we wrote to the clubs...there are still 2 outstanding are we going to extend or not	£5,000.00
Summer festival	It has been proposed we look at St Davids Day celebration but there is nothing in the budget –we	£19,932.80



	could use this? This could also be used for the VE Day celebrations	
Mayoral office	Given the additional costs for the town hall for civic Sunday we should carry over the remaining money	£1,443.86
Ward funds	See minute 512 Extraordinary Council 26/03/24 to carry over ward funds to a maximum of £10,000.00	
	• Caerau	£3,022.34
	• Maesteg West	£4,466.98
	• Nantyllyn	£4,896.18
	N.B. Maesteg East have already agreed to pay for handrail in Celtic RFC £2,990.00 – can they carry over the extra £135.18 as this will be paid ASAP?	£5,135.18

Members **agreed** to carryover figures as presented in the table above excluding Maesteg East whereby they can only carry over £5000.00

### CMO Summary Report – March 2025

This month I have been:

Weekly building checks that include:

- fire alarm
- emergency lighting
- legionnaires disease
- Twice weekly bin emptying on the cycle track.
- Daily emptying bins in car park.
- Inspect and, where necessary, cut back overgrowth or clear debris:  
Fp. 6, 20, 23, 27, 34, 36, 57, 62, 74, 82
- Milage at start of month – 60604 at end 60726 (122 total miles)
- Delivered dog waste bags to Council Offices
- Sanded and varnished wood for office handrail
- Cleaned out van
- Moved furniture and goods out of the way for the painter and decorator
- Attended Council offices for a Rights of Way committee meeting
- Picked up materials from LBS to install benches
- Grit footbridge by Plasnewydd School
- Picked up rubbish from Council Offices
- Removed trolleys from Llynfi Rd carpark which were blocking the path
- Reinstalled plaques and boards in the Chamber
- Re-erected paintings, tables and other equipment that were moved for the painting works.
- Met with Clerk to discuss cycle path bench locations
- Delivered defib goods to Caerau primary
- Started cleaning works for dram outside Council Offices. Removed rubbish and rubble and applied first coat of a stabilising solution to reduce further rusting.

- Remove disabled toilet door and skirting boards ready for refurbishment works.
- Met deputy clerk at the welfare park to discuss bench location.

### **Works to be Carried out Next Month.**

- Weekly building checks that include:
  - fire alarm
  - emergency lighting
  - legionnaires disease
- Biweekly bin emptying
- Inspect and, where necessary, cut back overgrowth or clear debris on rights of ways.

## **502. AGENDA ITEM 8 - AGM PROPOSALS.**

Cllr G Thomas has requested the following changes:

### **a. Change to committee structures.**

With the requirement for MTC to create and deliver a plan under the future wellbeing act, I would like to propose we re-organise the current committee structure to align with those goals. This will allow the committee to focus on goals and deliver them in the year. To do this I propose we pause or disband some committees and create others for next year, to be reviewed annually.

### **Statutory committees or needed for good governance – so stay as is.**

- Finance
- Property / health and safety
- Personnel
- Policy committee
- Events committee
- Rights of way / environment
- Bus committee – given the ongoing trial and potential expansion of service.

### **Committees - to be paused or disbanded this year ( they can be convened if needed by full council request )**

- Planning – This committee rarely meets and was originally to review planning applications which are now dealt with at full council.
- Communications – I don't know how much value this committee adds, its primary role at present is to look at the IT systems. I propose we move the IT systems to responsibility of the property committee due to it being an "asset".
- Project committee – we don't have any capital projects planned for next year in the budget – so can we suspend this committee for 1 year.
- Standing orders – The next review of our standing orders is scheduled for the year after the next election – I would suggest that the standing orders in effect a policy and so should move to the Policy Committee.

## **b. Committee Spends**

At present the council have to approve every spend individually, but other councils collectively approve the budget and then delegate it to a committee. In addition, the new standard financial regulations from One Voice Wales adopted by MTC specifically provision for this.

I would like to propose that the full council approve the individual budget lines and then the council delegates several budget lines to committees with a spending limit of £5,000 per transaction. So, for example if the budget for Christmas was £30K the committee could approve any spend up to £5K as long as it didn't go over the £30K cap. An example in the instance of the extra day needed in the grotto the committee could just approve that without needing the full council to vote on it. I would also propose that in "extreme" circumstances the Mayor / RFO & Committee chair could approve up to the £5K but would have to explain in a minute of the council why it was needed at such short notice. An example would be storm damage that needed an immediate fix.

I would like to propose we delegate authority to the following committees, all spend over £5K will need prior approval recorded by council minute of the full council.

### **Property committee**

- a) Blaen Caerau Park refurbishment (as this is now an asset)
- b) Premises running costs

### **Bus committee**

- a) Bus service Maesteg Park
- b) Bus trial Caerau Park.

### **Personnel**

- a) Staffing costs
- b) Training

### **Events**

- a) Maesteg park festival event
- b) Christmas Parade
- c) Keeper of the colliery run
- d) Civic Award ceremony

### **Rights of way /Environment**

- a) Digital Rights of way
- b) Floral displays
- c) Llynfi River group

### **Clerk / RFO**

- a) Office Costs
- b) Van
- c) CMO Equipment

#### **Ward Specific funds**

- a) Caerau Ward
- b) Nanty Ward
- c) Maesteg East
- d) Maesteg West

#### **c. Change to Matters Arising**

The way the town council conducts its monthly meeting is very inefficient, there is a lot of information that is presented to the council and discussed in the chamber that is for information only and does not require any decision or action by the council. I would like to propose that we change the way information is presented such that matters arising and correspondence is limited to items that require the attention of the full council. To enable the council to deal with the other matters of information I would propose that the clerks produce a report on the actions and issues that have arisen, and this be presented with the meeting papers and as an agenda item. Then if members have any questions or queries, they can raise them, but if not the information is taken as read. This would allow the council to focus on tasks that require its direct attention and make the whole meeting more efficient. This is the process that is adopted by other councils in the area.

#### **Proposal**

- Matters arising remain as matters that require the council's action.
- Correspondence = matters that require action.
- Other matters of information be added to a clerks report.

Members deliberated the information and **accepted** Cllr G Thomas' proposal with the following amendments:

- Communications committee to remain as its role is fairly niche and doesn't fit in with the other committees.
- Projects Committee to absorb the Bus Committee to allow the committee to discuss projects for the following year.
- The delegated spend per committee to be limited to £2,500 and be reviewed after 6 months.
- Urgent matters that are arising can be brought to the Council at the discretion of the Chair/Mayor.

**RESOLVED:** These amendments were accepted by the Council.

**503. AGENDA ITEM 9. THE WELLBEING AND FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT (WALES) 2015**

The Wellbeing and future generations act came into force in 2015 and has seven key areas to promote ...

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of more cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales

The Act places a duty on certain community and town councils to take all reasonable steps towards meeting the local objectives included in the local well-being plan that has effect in their areas. A community or town council is subject to that duty only if its gross income or expenditure was at least £200,000 for each of the three financial years preceding the year in which the local well-being plan is published.

If a community or town council is subject to the duty, it must publish a report annually detailing its progress in meeting the objectives contained in the local well-being plan.

In order to meet the 7 key objectives above Maesteg town council has undertaken a public consultation in conjunction with BCBC. The consultation was managed by Grasshopper and a draft plan was produced. The grasshopper plan is attached as appendix one but it outlined a 5 year strategic plan to address the 7 core elements of the wellbeing act. To achieve this plan Maesteg town council will commit to the following elements in the next financial year, FY25/26.

From the report, the following action plan has been created to be used for the next 12 months.

Wellbeing and Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 Wellbeing Goal	Action point	Timescale to be implemented
A more Prosperous Wales	Establish a local business forum	By August 2025
	Conduct a feasibility study for use of the old library / St Davids Church	By end of March 2026
	Raise the profile of the Town Council (to include a rebrand for Maesteg Bicentenary)	Ongoing – by end of March 2026
A resilient Wales	Establish litter picking hubs and hold a litter picking event	By end of March 2026
	Continue free dog waste bags initiative	Ongoing

	Establish partnership with Llynfi Valley Rivercare Group	April 2025 – March 2026
	Continue with floral displays around town	April 2025 – March 2026
A healthier Wales	Work collaboratively with the local health board	Ongoing
	Support local health and well-being, e.g. defibrillators - Council continue to support replenishing all consumables for defibrillators	Ongoing
	Support for sporting events and programmes – e.g keeper of the colliery fun run	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
	Support for outdoor activities and play spaces – e.g Blaencaerau play area refurbishment	Refurbishment before end of March 2026
	Digital RoW App	By end of March 2026
A more equal Wales	Improve local connection to democracy – more advertising of by-elections	Ongoing
	Provide support for local initiatives – continue with ward fund	Ongoing
	Provide support to the third sector – more liaising with BAVO	Ongoing
A Wales of cohesive communities	Publish a regular newsletter for residents	June 2025
	Continue support for bus trial scheme: Maesteg Park bus to August 2026 Caerau Park bus trial April 2025 – March 2026	Ongoing until August 2025, however an additional bus trial to be implemented for another area from April 2025 – March 2026
	Establish links with local schools on local democracy	By September 2025
	Continue support for children's summer playschemes	Playschemes held in August 2025
	Hold Mayors Civic Awards	To be held before March 2026
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	More Welsh language and cultural events: Establish a St David's Day event to promote the Welsh language and culture. Christmas events to introduce increased elements of Welsh language and culture.	March 2026  December 2025

	More events for children and young people – Family fun day as part of the keeper of the colliery run	29 <sup>th</sup> June 2025
	More local civic events: Mayors Civic Sunday Maesteg Bicentenary events in 2026	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 January – December 2026
A globally responsible Wales	Reduce unsustainable waste: Trade recycling Reduce unnecessary paper use	Ongoing
	Establish a partnership with Llangynwyd Council – draft boundary changes to come into effect in May 2027	Ongoing

**RESOLVED:** Members agreed to accept and publish the proposed plan including the responsibilities associated within.

**504. AGENDA ITEM 10: TO CONSIDER ‘FRIENDS OF MAESTEG WP CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS’ – EVENT PROPOSAL**

Cllr R Penhale-Thomas declared an interest in the following item and did not participate in any discussion or vote.

Members were provided with an event quote totalling £27,126.00 to run a weekend event as part of the celebration of 100 years of Maesteg Welfare Park. The event is to take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2025 and contain the following:

- Circus activities
- Bouncy rides / castle
- DJ and Music – children’s foam /silent disco
- Children’s characters and games
- Art / craft / bubble classes / workshops
- Street Food stalls – showcasing products
- Food and drink stalls - Local brewers showcase products
- Children’s Rides
- Face painting
- 1920s upwards props for dressing up selfies
- Some 1920s and upwards classic cars
- Local Museum – record thoughts and memories over the weekend
- Police, Fire, Hospital presence
- Artisan Quarter – Craft stalls etc
- Old school fire eaters and jugglers

**RESOLVED:** Members **agreed** to the provided quote.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **505. NEWSLETTERS / FLYERS / BRIEFING NOTES/ CONSULTATIONS**

Emailed to all Councillors for information:

- Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants are back for 2025 DATES - JANUARY - MARCH 2025 – only available to charities and CIC organisations
- BCBC - Temporary Traffic Regulation Order - Buffer Zones [IWOV-HJDOCS1.FID6746136]
- Senedd Review Final Determinations
- One Voice Wales Training Dates
- Consultation on the Regional Transport Plan
- Introduction of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill
- OVW – new website
- Fairfield Avenue emergency road closure
- Foel Trawsnant Grid Connection – Statutory consultation launch
- Maesteg welfare mining memorial updates

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

### **506. REQUEST -CLLR F ABEDALKARIM**

Hello Sian, I would like to ask if MTC can assist regards installing a streetlight in greenfield Street CF34 0NP.

Residents of Greenfield Street Cf340NP walking home in the evening, had to cross the road because a vehicle was parked on the pavement. Due to lack of streetlight resident had accident. The matter raised with Cllr Martin Hughes, then sent to BCBC highway. They come back with sorry, We got NO fund to install a streetlight in the area requested by the resident. Cllr Martin Hughes asked me to raise the issue with MTC.

Clerk has advised that MTC cannot install streetlights.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

### **507. PRICE INCREASE – CMO UNIT**

A letter received from BCBC on the 12<sup>th</sup> March advised that a price increase of 3.6% is to occur for the CMO unit on Heol-ty-Gwyn from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025. We currently pay £380.30/month, and the cost will increase to £392.73/month.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

### **508. CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH SCREENING**

The AF and Hypertension team are a small team working within the Wellness Improvement Service (WISe) for Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board and is funded by Value Based Healthcare.



As part of our organisations values and an increased focus on ‘creating health’, we are excited to offer an educational session on cardiovascular disease to CTM Services and third sector groups working in our communities.

We offer ‘opportunistic case finding’ for both AF and Hypertension, using a mobile 6 Lead ECG device known as an Alivecor. This is a simple, quick and effective way of identifying any potential Arrhythmia’s or AF.

Alongside this we undertake a blood pressure reading. Based on these reading’s we would signpost the individual to the relevant clinical resource required. We are extremely lucky to have a clinical nurse specialist in cardiovascular health with prescribing abilities supporting the service. Their role is to initiate, optimise and/or onward refer to ensure we make every contact count, without causing any impact on our GP services.

If you feel our service would be of interest to any groups, please get in touch and we can arrange some dates.

On 13/03/2025 we received the additional email:

*The AF and Hypertension team are a small team working within the Wellness Improvement Service (WISe) for Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board and is funded by Value Based Healthcare.*

*As part of our organisations values and an increased focus on ‘creating health’, we are excited to offer an educational session on cardiovascular disease to CTM Services and third sector groups working in our communities.*

*We offer ‘opportunistic case finding’ for both AF and Hypertension, using a mobile 6 Lead ECG device known as an Alivecor. This is a simple, quick and effective way of identifying any potential Arrhythmia’s or AF.*

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*If you feel our service would be of interest to any groups please get in touch and we can arrange some dates.*

We went back to them and asked if this was relevant to the Town Council and they have confirmed that it is for staff and Councillors a like – there is even scope to have them in for a day event in the Town Hall.

Members agreed that this was an excellent initiative and are happy to reach out to arrange a date.

**RESOLVED:** Contact the AF and Hypertension team and arrange a date

**509. GRAFFITI MURAL – COMMERCIAL STREET**

Scaffolding is due to be erected on 22/03/2025 and the works will likely take 2 – 3 weeks.

A member requested to know what the final image would be on this wall. It was advised that it is primarily a ‘Welcome to Maesteg’ sign encased in a heart. There will be a balloon painted which people can ‘hold’ and take a picture with.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**510. TOWN HALL REQUEST**

On 20/03/2025 the Town Hall emailed:

*We have been thinking of projecting some poetry onto the box Oren and saw that you have a window on the top level that could possibly work. we are in the very early stages and would need to try it our but is there a world where we could set up a protector in that room, with access to power and project across to the town hall?*

The deputy clerk advised that we would check with the Council before granting permission but we have invited them in to check if the space would be appropriate for what they envision.

Council **agreed** to the request.

**RESOLVED:** To advise that Council agree to the request

**511. DEPUTY CLERK PASSED CiLCA**

Confirmation received 25/03/25 that the Deputy Clerk has passed the CiLCA– awaiting Ascentis for ratification.

Members congratulated the Deputy Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**512. NANTYFFYLLON GOVERNOR VACANCY**

26/03/25 Cllr R Lewis has emailed with his resignation as a governor for Nantyffyllon Primary School due to illness – this now leaves a MTC vacancy.

Cllr K Duggan volunteered to take the Councils position on Nantyffyllon primary schools governors board.

A member suggested that the Council write to Cllr R Lewis to wish him good health.

**RESOLVED:**

- Advise Nantffyllon primary school of Cllr K Duggans appointment.
- Send a letter on behalf of the Council to Cllr Lewis to wish him good health.

**513. PAT TESTING COURSE**

Finally, been given a date for the PAT testing course for CMO – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025, this was originally requested in September 2022

**RESOLVED:** To note the information

**514. FOI REQUEST RE: GRAFFITI**

FOI received via email regarding the graffiti murals, all information is within the public domain and a response will be provided within the 20 working days = 25/04/2025.

A member asked if the Council could be included in the consultation process for what goes onto the murals. The member was advised that the murals were discussed as part of the projects committee meetings.

A member requested that the FOI request information be reviewed by the Deputy Mayor prior to being sent out.

**RESOLVED:** Clerk to consult with the Deputy Mayor of the Council prior to sending out the FOI response.

**515. FINANCIAL APPLICATIONS**

**1) LLYNFI VALLEY**

Date application received: 03/03/2025

Request £500 towards funding courses for umpiring, L1 & L2 coaching.

Bank Statement received 03/03/2025

Last received S137 grant funding October 2021

**RESOLVED:** Council to donate the sum of £500.00 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

**2) MAESTEG CELTIC BOWLS CLUB**

Date application received: 10/03/2025

Request £500 towards replacing back boards at 2 ends of the bowling green.

Bank Statement received 10/03/2025

Not previously received S137 grant funding.

**RESOLVED:** Council to donate the sum of £500.00 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

**3) MAYOR OF MAESTEG FUND**

Date application received: 21/03/2025

Request £500 towards Mayors Fund Ball.

Bank Statement received 21/03/2025

Last received S137 grant funding April 2024

**RESOLVED:** Council to donate the sum of £500.00 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act (as amended).

**516. PLANNING**

Members had **no objections** the following application:

Ref: P/25/110/FUL

Applicant: Mrs L Feiven

Location: 32 Heol-Y-Llwyni, Garth, Maesteg, CF34 0DJ

Proposal: Demolish existing sub-standard lean-to extension; construct double storey extension to side elevation in place of existing lean-to; construct porch to front elevation at main entrance; create 2no. additional parking spaces to rear (accessed via lane)

Ask for: Julie Earp

Ref: P/25/127/FUL

Applicant: Mr B Davies

Location: 3 Grove Street, Nantyffyllon, Maesteg, CF34 0HY

Proposal: To construct a first-floor extension above existing rear single storey extension

Ask for: Julie Earp

Ref: P/25/57/FUL

Applicant: Mr D Jones

Location: 18 Garn Road, Maesteg, CF34 9AS

Proposal: Retrospective consent for a garden shed to be used for storage of garden items and bicycles

Ask for: Julie Earp

Planning appeal decision

CAS-03804-N2G5P5 98 Yr Ysfa Maesteg CF34 9BE

Decision - The appeal is dismissed.

**Minutes emailed to all Councillors to Read on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025  
Read and accepted at a remote meeting of the Council held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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**Mayor**

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