

## **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council**

**Held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at**

**Bethany Church Hall, Risca**

**Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Brian Davies and Cllr Brian Hancock**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

Also in attendance were representatives of Risca Senior Citizens Hall, Risca Cuckoos, Heddlu Gwent Police and the Town's local contractor

**Cllr Brian Hancock as the Vice Mayor chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm**

### **587 Apologies**

**Cllr Louise Stephens, County Borough Cllr Bob Owen and County Borough Cllr Ross Whiting**

### **588 Presentations**

Police Officers Donovan and Harris updated the Council on the Town's crime figures for March, there were 15 reported thefts and 22 reports of violence. The main focus for the local Officers was off road biking and that CCBC had now taken over on-street car parking enforcement. Mr Jay Haines of the local drama group Risca Cuckoos highlighted his concerns for his group's finances. The Clerk is to forward the Town's application forms for financial assistance to Mr Haines for his group to consider. Mrs Davies of the Senior Citizens Hall gave the Council a summary of the ongoing and expected hall improvements to add to their submission for financial assistance - the Council will consider the submission. Mr Nick Morris gave the Council a summary of the recent Festive Lanterns project and reported that several of the Lighting Column fittings were loose and that the PAT Testing dates on them were well out of date. The Clerk is to report these issues to CCBC's Street Lighting Department. The Clerk confirmed to Mr Morris to proceed with the Town's Summer Baskets project for 2019

### **589 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Sally and Tony Davies declared an interest in planning application Ref 19/0248

## **590 Residents' addresses**

None

## **591 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Mon 11 March 2019**

Cllr Hancock signed the minutes as a true and correct record

## **592 Chair's and County Members' updates**

There were no reports from the Chair or the County members

## **593 Clerk's Report**

### **593.1 Notice Board**

The Clerk presented a typical cost estimate for a replacement notice board for the Well Chemist shop wall of about £450. The Council agreed to see if the current board can be repaired locally

### **593.2 Finance Report**

The current statements were agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk advised the Council that his salary is due to rise by an increment for 2019/2020, Council agreed the scale point rise

### **593.3 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC/TCCLC**

The Clerk reported that Cllr Hancock and he had attended a recent OVW Area meeting at Maesycwmmmer. The Clerk also added that Cllr Hancock, Cllr Dupre and he are to attend the next Risca Town Centre Management Group meeting at Ty Penallta on 16 April. He added that all other notifications had been circulated

### **593.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Council are considering the submission from Risca Senior Citizens Hall

### **593.5 Ty Isaf School**

A date for a future afternoon appointment at the School has yet to be agreed

### **593.6 Administration**

Following the success of the recent Town Council's public participation exercise the Clerk suggested that a couple of additional dates be considered for the summer on different days and at different times

### 594 Current Projects Summary

Cllr Mike Parker suggested a date of Mon 29 April for the Projects sub-committee at Moriah Hall. The next Joint Projects meeting with Risca East is set for Thurs 2 May at St David's Church Hall

| Project No. | Project Name | Description & Comments                                | Amount Paid | Amount Pledged |
|-------------|--------------|---|-------------|----------------|
| 58          | ECMO Machine | A series of music evenings is postponed to the summer |             | ??             |
|             |              |   |             |                |

### 595 Planning Applications

Case Refs. : 19/0158 and 19/0248 were noted

### 596 Exclusion of press and public

None

**The Clerk had to leave the meeting at 8.10 pm so Cllr Hancock closed the meeting at that time**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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