

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 10th December 2018 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Cllr Louise Stephens as the Mayor chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30 pm

547 Apologies

Cllr Brian Davies, County Borough Cllr Bob Owen and County Borough Cllr Ross Whiting

548 Presentation

PC Kevin Donovan of Heddlu Gwent Police attended to give the Council an update on the recent local Police activities for the Town. He advised that the Ward priorities were antisocial behaviour in the Risca East and West areas, a festive period anti-shoplifting project and a road safety campaign. A complaint of dangerous car parking in Gelli Crescent is being pursued. The Chair Cllr Stephens thanked PC Donovan for his excellent update

549 Declarations of Interest

None

550 Residents' addresses

None

551 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Mon 12 November 2018

A point of order was raised with the Clerk on minute number 544. The matter was discussed in detail and the Council voted to retain the minutes as they stood. The point of order statement was agreed to be further discussed at the January meeting when all Councillors would have had an opportunity to consider the same. Cllr Stephens signed the minutes as a true and correct record

552 Chair's and County Members' updates

Cllr Stephens thanked Cllrs Dupre, Hancock, Parsons, S. Davies and Parker for their valued work and commitment to make the Town's participation in CCBC's Winter Fayre and the Town's Christmas Pantomime project, 'Cinderella', such glowing successes for the residents of Risca. Cllr Stephens asked the Clerk to formally thank Kate Poole for her fantastic production over the four performances held on 8/9 December at Risca Primary School

County Cllr Bob Owen had submitted a written report with an update that CCBC's had notified him that the costs of the planned demolition works using the Tesco store S106 monies, at the Brooklands Road and old Baths sites, were expected to be higher due to the likelihood of asbestos being present. This means that any monies for other related works here are also unlikely. He added that Twyn Carn centre at Brooklands Road has been identified by CCBC for closure. He also reported that the community garden project is back on his agenda and that the community's preferred name for the new Mill Street development was tabled as 'Gardd y Meddyg'

553 Clerk's Report

553.1 Notice Board

The Clerk is to investigate if the damaged board can be repaired locally

553.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk presented a first draft 2019/2020 budget/precept report for the Council's early consideration and for a decision at the January 2019 meeting

553.3 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC/TCCLC

The Clerk reported that he had a response from CCBC who are leading the new Caerphilly Public Service Board to seek our Town and Communities Councils' representation on that public services Board. The response was that there was no immediate intention or scope to include our third tier of Local Government on that Caerphilly Public Service Board. The Clerk will continue to lobby CCBC together with the TCCLC via their future meetings. CCBC had advised the Town Council that it will be unlikely to fund their Risca Winter Fayre event in future years. The Town Council are to consider taking on this project for 2019 but the costings of it will need to be reflected in the budget and precept figure for 2019/2020 that must be decided upon for submission to CCBC by the 31 January 2019

553.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Clerk is to arrange payment of the Bethany Church's recently replaced kitchen's hot water boiler as it was a regular user at the Church hall and will be available for all members of Risca Town who opt to use the church's facilities. Following a fatality on the A467 the Council asked the Clerk to seek the recent accident data from CCBC Highways for its consideration

553.5 Ty Isaf School

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

553.6 Administration

The Clerk is to investigate a possible Mayor's and Cllrs' nametag/lanyard as an option for the Town's future public engagements. The Clerk is to investigate the availability of Risca Rugby Club's main room for a Town Council public participation exercise in early March 2019

544 Current Projects Summary

The Council noted that the Pantomime ticket sales were due in very soon and they agreed to donate £750 of the sum back to Kate Poole for her excellent production

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
58	ECMO Machine	A series of music evenings in March 19		??
53	Tredegar Park Toilets Block JOINT EVENT	Funding for 16 summer Sunday openings July to September 2018		760
51	Summer flower baskets June to Sep 2018	Local contractor to erect replacement basket brackets on lighting columns and to erect and maintain summer baskets	3573.55	4000
50	Summer music shows	Outstanding last summer's music events by Kate Poole Productions to be incorporated into the Winter Fayre Marquee event		??
49	2018 Christmas Panto	8/9 December 4 performances at £4 per ticket and £12 for a family of 4		6500

59	Winter fayre	Share with CCBC of a large Marquee Christmas tree lighting		?? 257
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555 Planning Applications

Case Ref. 18/0946 was noted

556 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.29 pm

Signed:

Date:

