

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Tuesday 13th Feb 2018 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Sally Davies, , Cllr Brian Davies, Cllr Mike Parker and County Borough Cllr Ross Whiting were present

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

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

457 Apologies

Cllr Joy Parsons, County Borough Cllr Bob Owen and Inspector Steve Drayton

458 Presentation

None

459 Declarations of Interest

None

460 Residents' addresses

None

461 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 January 2018

Cllr Stephens signed the minutes as a true and correct record

462 Chair's and County Members' updates

Cllr Stephens reported that she intended to make a donation to Risca Comprehensive School's Children's Base Unit and the Risca Air Cadets from her Mayor's annual allocation. County Cllr Whiting reported that following a site meeting on Tredegar Street with the local PCSO Paige, he had asked CCBC

Highways to investigate if the existing, overlong Bus Stop opposite Moriah Church can be reconsidered for limited waiting. He had also asked CCBC Highways to consider resurfacing the adjacent A467 dual carriageway with a quieter top surface. He added that the recent planning application for the former Rolling Mill pub had been passed and he noted he was disappointed that local residents were not allowed to speak at CCBC's Planning meeting. He added that CCBC and Tesco had agreed the initial work plan to release the associated S106 monies. He also reported that the 18/19 budget for the County Borough was due to be decided very soon

463 Clerk's Report

463.1 Notice Boards

The replacement board's contractor's issue had been resolved and it should be in place very soon

463.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk confirmed he had responded to CCBC with the Council's agreed Band D figure of £18.70 for 2018/2019. The Council agreed for the Clerk to pay its annual insurance fee £318.85 to Zurich Insurance

463.3 One Voice Wales

OVW Area Committee in January 2018 had recommended the Clerk to submit the Town Council's 2nd annual report for the OVW Annual Good Practice Awards. The Council agreed for the Clerk to submit the report

463.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications – HCPT 99's request for financial assistance for 2018 was again considered. Unfortunately, the request was not supported on this occasion. The Council agreed to consider any such request in the next financial year. The Clerk reported that the previously requested safety/risk assessments from Risca East and the Skate park organisers had still not been submitted for consideration. Cllr Parker is to speak with the organiser and to report back. Cllr Dupre was pleased to report that the cut down tree branches had been removed from the Tan-y-Bryn estate. The Clerk asked the Council to consider carrying out a 'public participation exercise' in the Town for its residents, to invite their comments and suggestions on future projects and improvements. The Clerk is to contact CCBC to arrange for a code of Conduct training for Cllr Brian Davies

463.5 Ty Isaf School

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

463.6 Administration

A possible Mayor’s medal and lanyard options are still under consideration. The Council agreed that Cllr Hancock and Cllr Parker are nominated for a further term as Minor Authority representatives on their respective School Governors’ Boards to Ysgol Gymraeg Cwm Gwyddon and Ty Isaf respectively

464 Current Projects Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
45	Christmas 2017 Festive lighting	1/ new units 2/ contract 3/ power supply	3031	1000 3031 500
38	Panto 2017 JOINT EVENT	Kate Poole Productions at Risca Primary Tickets income of £1072 was banked on 8 Jan – Following the great success of last year’s Panto the Town Council agreed to return its half of the income to Kate Poole Productions. – Risca East are to decide on their half	3150	Total 6000

465 Planning Applications

Case Refs 18/0033 and 0019 were noted

466 Exclusion of press and public

Not necessary

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed:

Date:

