

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 14th May 2018 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Mike Parker Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Brian Davies, Cllr Sally Davies and County Borough Cllr Ross Whiting

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Cllr Louise Stephens as the re-elected Mayor chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm

487 Apologies

Cllr Hazel Dupre and County Borough Cllr Bob Owen

488 Presentation

Paige Greenhalgh and Paul Salter CSO's for Heddlu Gwent Police gave the Council a summary of the recent crime figures in the area. They reported that have been dealing with obstructive car parking as a principal activity. They also reported on up-coming activities that they will be present at in June at Cwmbran and a 'Day to Remember' event at Waunfawr Park

489 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Louise Stephens declared an interest in a correspondence from Action Duchenne

490 Residents' addresses

None

491 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 April 2018

Cllr Stephens signed the minutes as a true and correct record

492 Chair's and County Members' updates

Cllr Stephens and Cllr Dupre had attended the Risca Brownies/Guides tea party to honour the Suffragettes in April. Cllr Stephens reported that Cllrs Dupre and S Davies with Risca RBL had also attended the 'Miners' Window' dedication ceremony on 29 April on her behalf. Cllr Stephens also reported that a local consortium supported by County Borough Cllr Bob Owen, were considering a new plan for sheltered housing to submit to CCBC's Planning Department for the vacant Ty Darren site

County Cllr Whiting reported that CCBC had agreed for Highways to resurface Mill Street next financial year. He had asked the local Police to comment on a suggestion of making Isaf Road a 'residents only' car parking area, Virgin Media had undertaken to street cleanse after their cabling works, the tall grass on the A467 verges is to be cut back soon. CCBC were also still considering possible funding for resurfacing the length of the A467. The pothole at the Bird's entrance site was due to be repaired. CCBC were to add herbaceous plants to their street planters in the town. He noted that there had been several complaints at the lack of prior notice given by Virgin Media for their ongoing street cabling works;

A written report from County Borough Cllr Bob Owen was presented to the Council. The Council thanked Cllr Owen for his updates.

493 Clerk's Report

493.1 Notice Boards

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

493.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Internal Audit for 2017/18 is progressing well. OVW and SLCC and advised the Clerk to wait for further advice on a future Town Council role of a Data Protection Officer. The Clerk reported that their current advice was to still to prepare a new Data Protection Policy Statement and a new Privacy Notice for the Council's website in line with their recommendation as a best practice. The Clerk added that further advice is due from the Remuneration Panel in relation to Cllrs' Allocations for 2018/19 particularly in relation to income tax and VAT elements. The Clerk reported that work on the Council's Annual Report No. 3 was being pursued with the Mayor

493.3 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC

The Clerk and Cllr Hancock had attended the OVW Area Committee meeting on 10 May at Bedwas and both were to attend the OVW/SLCC conference in Llandrindod Wells on Wed 16 May

The Clerk is to attend the SLCC 2 day practitioners' Leadership Conference in Stratford on 6/7 June

The Council were still to send in their comment to WG on their Local Government Reform Green Paper by July 2018

493.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications –

The Clerk advised that he had received a financial assistance request from Action Duchenne for two local children and the Council agreed to donate £250 to this charity

493.5 Ty Isaf School

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

493.6 Administration

A possible Mayor's medal and lanyard options are still under consideration

494 Current Projects Summary

The Council agreed that a Sub-committee with Cllrs from Risca East is necessary for the 2018 summer Fayre Joint Project. The Council recommends to the Sub-committee meeting set for 31 May at the Ty Darren pub that it concentrates on a tea party with music and dancing and with a local community presentation to be included as a celebration at the event.

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
54	CCBC Summer Fayre Sat July 7 JOINT EVENT	1/ Marquee hire 9m x 9m - larger size plus full floor boards 2/ CCBC Fayre refreshments 3/ flowers/gifts 4/ Entertainment		2500 200 250 2500
52	Bands in the Park	1/ Town Council's event planned for Sun July 1 2018 – Crosskeys Band		380
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		4000

50	Summer music shows JOINT EVENT	Outstanding last summer's music events by Kate Poole Productions		??
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495 Planning Applications

Case Refs. 18/0313, 18/0379 and 18/0382 were noted

496 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed:

Date:

