

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

**Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 at**

**Bethany Church Hall, Risca**

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

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

**Cllr Louise Stephens as Mayor chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30 pm and welcomed local resident Brian Davies as the newly co-opted Member for the Ty Isaf Fields Ward**

### **447 Apologies**

**County Borough Cllr Ross Whiting**

### **448 Presentation**

Steve Veysey and Mike Harley from Risca RBL presented their cost figures for the recent, very successful Armistice events weekend. The Mayor said the costs would be discussed with Risca East Council at a joint projects meeting in late January

### **449 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **450 Residents' addresses**

None

### **451 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 December 2017**

Cllr Stephens signed the minutes as a true and correct record

### **452 County Members' updates**

County Cllr Owen reported that CCBC had delayed their Tesco S106 monies report to Cabinet but they were in contact with Tesco over the final date. He added he was taking up reports of road safety issues/obstructive car parking with the Police at the DanyGraig and Ty Melin locations

## **453 Clerk's Report**

### **453.1 Notice Boards**

The replacement board's contractor still had an issue with accessing the new board

### **453.2 Finance Report**

The current statements are satisfactory. The Council considered the Clerk's budget report and the Town's Band D community charge options report for 2018/2019, in line with the Council's current, three year business plan. After a detailed discussion, the Council agreed a slightly reduced budget from the three year plan and decided to raise the Band D charge from its current figure of £18.10 per year to £18.70 for 2018/2019. This would raise an approximate amount of £1000 in income from the community charge which is in line with the Central Government's 3% inflation mark

### **453.3 One Voice Wales**

Cllrs Parker and Hancock and the Clerk are due to attend the OVW Area Committee at Bedwas on 31 January 2018

**453.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications – HCPT 99's** request for financial assistance for 2018 was again considered. The Clerk is to locate and review the Council's minutes of early 2014 before a decision is made. The Clerk reported that he had paid the previously agreed financial assistance amount of £500 to the Green Meadow/Blackvein Miners' memorial charity. 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 Dupre asked County Borough Cllr Owen to investigate cut down tree branches and building materials that have been left on the Tan y Bryn estate grassed area, following Caerphilly Council owned house repairs

### **453.5 Ty Isaf School**

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

### **453.6 Administration**

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

## **454 Current Projects Summary**

*Risca Town Council – Minutes of 8 January 2018. A copy in Welsh will be provided upon request.*

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
45	Christmas 2017 Festive lighting	1/ new units 2/ contract 3/ power supply		1000 3031 500
38	Panto 2017 <b>JOINT EVENT</b>	<b>Kate Poole Productions at Risca</b> Primary Tickets income of £1072 was banked on 8 Jan – to be discussed at the next Joint meeting	3150	Total 6000

#### 455 Planning Applications

Case Refs 17/1011 and 1012 were noted

#### 456 Exclusion of press and public

Not necessary

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed:

Date:

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