

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 8th October 2018 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

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

527 Apologies

Cllr Joy Parsons and County Borough Cllr Bob Owen

528 Presentations

PC Kramer Sloman of Heddlu Gwent Police gave the Council an update on the Risca crime figures over the last couple of months. Kramer noted that the figures were slightly up on this period last year. He also reported on the local police initiatives of a Ride Along Scheme and a Community Speed Watch. If residents wish to learn more on these useful schemes then please contact the Clerk or PC Sloman at Blackwood Police Station

Steve Veysey and Mike Harley of Risca Royal British Legion gave the Council an update on their planned Risca Armistice parade and service for Sunday morning 11 November. They advised that their Royal Charter ensures that their Risca parade is due to be organised, as per the last few decades. CCBC were to again arrange for the parade's legal road closures and the associated physical measures. Also the local Police will be represented. Their separate insurance indemnity will be in place for the parade and this cost as well as the service programmes and the public address system are again to be jointly funded by Risca Town and Risca East. They added that the project to erect large poppies on the lighting columns throughout the town will be in place very soon

The Chair thanked the presenters for their excellent contributions

529 Declarations of Interest

None

530 Residents' addresses

None

531 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Mon 24 September 2018

Cllr Stephens signed the minutes as a true and correct record

532 Chair's and County Members' updates

Cllr Stephens reported that further consideration of dates for the music evenings for the ECMO machine will take place after the winter events have been completed

County Cllr Ross Whiting reported that CCBC are still due to consult residents at Fernlea on a possible, new, one-way traffic system as well as an 'unsuitable for large vehicles' warning sign for HGV drivers for Church Road. He added that CCBC's Cabinet are soon to consider a report for the Ty Darren development site. He also added that the CBCC are soon to be considering a new boundaries report for Town and Community Councils in Wales

533 Clerk's Report

533.1 Notice Board

The Clerk is seeking compensation for the recent vandalism by the touring Daredevil stunts group and their publicity agent for the damage to the new board

533.2 Finance Report

The current statements and the half year budget report are satisfactory. The Clerk reported that the 18/19 half year Internal Audit was now due and the Council agreed to ask Gwyn James the Community Clerk at Risca East to carry out the Audit

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

The Clerk reported that Welsh Government had not passed onto the Town and Community Councils in Wales any details of the eight new Public Service Boards. The Clerk will chase up WG for the CCBC PSB's details and to seek Town and Community Councils' representation on the Boards. The Clerk advised the Council of the recommendations in the recently published Town

and Community Councils WG Review Panel's report that 1/ Cllrs are not to be 'dual hatted' as Cllrs from the Unitary Authorities and 2/ that mandatory training for Cllrs will be a requirement of office

533.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications –

The Clerk updated the Council on Bethany Church's request for a contribution to their recently replaced kitchen's hot water boiler. The type and cost of the boiler is still under investigation for the Council's further consideration in November. The Clerk also updated the Council on the recent application from Risca Girl Guides for a contribution. The Council agreed to make a donation to the Guides of £100 towards their replacement badge award books.

The Clerk reported on a further recent request from CCBC to fund the lighting of the Tredegar Park's Christmas tree at a cost of £257 and the Council agreed to this request using a slight underspend in the projects budget.

The Clerk gave an update that both of the Council funded defibrillators placed in 2015 now required replacement batteries. The unit located at the local SPAR store will need to be funded by the Council as stated by the store manager, at a cost of £90 plus VAT and the Clerk was asked to put the order in place with the supplier. The second unit is located at Risca St John's Ambulance depot and that depot will arrange for its battery replacement.

The Council confirmed its agreement to arrange for a suitable venue to organise a public participation exercise in February 2019

533.5 Ty Isaf School

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

533.6 Administration

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

534 Current Projects Summary

Cllr Hazel Dupre reported that the joint 2018 Armistice Concert sub-committee had made excellent progress for the event for Friday 9 November at Moriah Church.

Cllr Mike Parker again reported that he was disappointed with the poor state of the CCBC owned flower planters in the Town Centre this year.

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		4000
50	Summer music shows JOINT EVENT	Outstanding last summer's music events by Kate Poole Productions		??
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		??

535 Planning Applications

Case Ref. 18/0775 was noted

536 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed:

Date:

