

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 9th July 2018 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Cllr Louise Stephens as the Mayor chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.40 pm

507 Apologies

Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Joy Parsons and County Borough Cllrs Bob Owen and Ross Whiting

508 Presentation

CSO Paige Greenhalgh gave the Council an update on the crime figures for the Town and the recent local Police activities. Paige reported that the local crime figures were higher than the last few months and these were partly attributed to by the ongoing hot and dry weather. The Mayor thanked Paige for her valuable report

509 Declarations of Interest

None

510 Residents' addresses

None

511 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Mon 11 June 2018

Cllr Stephens signed both minutes as a true and correct record

512 Chair's and County Members' updates

Cllr Stephens reported that she and Cllr Hazel Dupre the Risca Girl Guides' Suffragettes event evening last week that was very enjoyable. The Mayor was very pleased to report that the Risca Summer Fayre together with the Town and East's joint Marquee events was a great success. The Mayor wished to note her vote of thanks to Rob Wallace the local florist for his floral displays in our Marquee, the local shop for the loan of a 'stage screen', Richard Beavis and his band for the very entertaining music and Sylvia Ware of Moriah Church for the loan of crockery and her support of washing facilities

513 Clerk's Report

513.1 Notice Boards

A new replacement board is being considered

513.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk confirmed that the signed External Audit form with its background papers for 2017/18 had been sent to BDO of Southampton. The Clerk is to submit an application to HSBC Bank for a Council Debit Card for Council purchases

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

The Clerk, Cllr Dupre and Cllr Hancock had attended the OVW Innovative Practice Conference in Builth Wells on Wed 4 July 2018. The Clerk with Cllrs Brian Hancock and Mike Parker are due to attend the OVW Area meeting at Bedwas on Thursday 12 July

513.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications –

The Mayor advised that following the sudden death from sepsis (blood poisoning), of a local 16 year old girl from Rogerstone with family connections in Risca that a local charity was formed called the Lucy Ellis Foundation. The Mayor asked the Council to consider a donation to the new charity that has a view to funding a new ECMO machine for South East Wales to assist with the early detection of the deadly condition. The Council agreed that an on line banking donation of £500 be made to the Foundation. The Council also agreed to consider options for a series of music events in late 2018 and early 2019 to raise more funding for the Foundation. The Clerk is to investigate suitable local venues for music evenings. The Clerk is to pursue with CCBC Parks if a new flagpole is feasible in the Pontymister Memorial Gardens to fly the Red Ensign on 3 September. The Clerk is investigating a new Instagram account and a suitable venue to hold a public participation exercise in the autumn

513.5 Ty Isaf School

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

513.6 Administration

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

514 Current Projects Summary

The Council agreed that a Joint Projects meeting with Risca East is not needed in late July. Cllr Hazel Dupre reported that a joint sub-committee meeting for the 2018 Armistice events is to be held in early September and work had already started on the Adverts for it.

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
58	ECMO Machine	A series of music evenings		??
53	Tredegar Park Toilets Block JOINT EVENT	Funding for 16 summer Sunday openings July to September 2018		760
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 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		??

515 Planning Applications

Case Ref. 18/0480 was noted

516 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed:

Date:

