

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 9th January 2017 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

Present:

Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Stephen Tom, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Michael Parker, Cllr Joy Parsons and Cllr Hazel Dupre

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm. Cllr Stephen Tom as Mayor chaired the meeting

337 Apologies

County Cllr Phyllis Griffiths

338 Presentations

1/ PCSO Jessica Gilbert gave the Council a summary of the local crime report for December with no major issues and a comment that CCBC's safety wardens were being restructured this year. Further comments were raised on fly-tipping (with one prosecution ongoing) and with parking issues ongoing

2/ Nick Morris of Greenleif gave the Council his report on the 2016 Christmas Festive lighting project. All went very well apart from a few street lights and their figurines intermittently not working. A few other figurines will need repairs for next December. The equipment is now in storage

The Chair thanked both presenters

339 Declarations of Interest

None

340 Residents' addresses

None

341 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 Dec 2016

Cllr Tom signed the minutes as a true and correct record

342 County Members' updates

None

343 Clerk's Report

343.1 Notice Boards

Cllr Hancock confirmed the local builder has still programmed the public board works on the Well chemist shop frontage for February/March

343.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Council discussed the urgent need to respond to CCBC by 1 Feb on its proposed setting of the Band D Council Tax rate for 2017/2018. The Council agreed to raise the Band D figure from £17.50 to £18.10 in line with its three year business plan/budget. The Council agreed that its two major contracts for 17/18 for the summer flower baskets and the Festive Lighting ought to be again awarded to Greenleif providing both costs are in line with the recommended OVW financial regulations guidelines. The Clerk is to investigate the contract amounts in the guidelines and report back to the Council. The Clerk reported that the Council must advise the Pension Regulator of its employee status via the NEST pension scheme by 1 July 2017

343.3 One Voice Wales

The OVW Area Committee representatives are due to next meet in Bedwas on 18 January

343.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

No assistance forms had been received. The Risca Beavers had asked to be included in a future Council project. As the Mayor's annual allocation fund had not been exhausted, the Clerk is to investigate the TOYE Kenning Spencer website for costs of a possible Mayor's lanyard/breast medal to signify/recognise the Mayor's status for future use at public appointments. A date had been agreed with Risca East for Councillors and Clerks for a social evening/dinner at the Golden Dragon restaurant on 26 Jan

343.5 Ty Isaf School

A date for a future afternoon appointment at the School is to be set in the next couple of months

343.6 Administration and modernisation of Council meetings

The Clerk is still investigating the available hardware for the modernisation of the future Council meetings and its business

(Note: Cllr Stephens left the meeting at 7.50 pm)

The Clerk is to announce on the Council's Facebook media account that all residents' queries and comments are to be directed to the Clerk for a response

344 Current Projects Summary – none planned for Jan/Feb/Mar 17

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged

345 Planning Application

Case Ref. 16/1034 was noted

346 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed:

Date:

