

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 10th February 2020 at

Senior Citizens Hall, Risca

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Also in attendance were, Margaret Davies and Maureen Gingell of Risca Senior Citizens Hall and Steve Veysey of Risca RBL

Cllr Tony Davies as the Mayor chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm

677 Apologies

County Cllr Ross Whiting and County Cllr Bob Owen

678 Presentations

Risca Senior Citizens Hall representatives Maureen and Margaret gave the Council an update on the progress of their ongoing refurbishment works at the Hall and asked if the Council could consider a fresh donation to those works. Steve Veysey gave the Council an update on the Royal British Legion's plans for the coming VE in Europe 75th commemorations to take place over the weekend of 8 to 10 May 2020, He added that a 6pm Service is to be held on 8 May at sites across the country with a Piper leading the ceremony. Steve is investigating who is responsible for organising the next Armistice Parade in Risca. The Council noted their wish to support the commemorations with a view to holding a community event in Tredegar Park. The Clerk is to seek written permission from CCBC to possibly organise with Risca RBL an event in the Park on Sat 9 May. The Chair thanked Maureen, Margaret and Steve for their presentations

679 Declarations of Interest

None

680 Residents' addresses

None

681 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 13 January 2020

Cllr Tony Davies signed the minutes, as a true and correct record

682 Chair's and County Members' updates

The Chair, Cllr Tony Davies had no updates to report. He noted that both earlier presentations will require further consideration by the Council

683 Clerk's Report

683.1 Finance Report

The current statements were agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that one applicant had applied for the Member Casual Vacancy and he hoped to present the applicant for interview at the next meeting. The Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase a second portable back up hard drive for security purposes. The Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase a second tea urn for use at the coming events

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

The Clerk advised that Cllr Sally Davies and he attended the recent OVW Area meeting at the Bedwas Offices on 29 January. Cllr Tony Davies and the Clerk are to attend the next TCCLC meeting on 12 February at Moriah Church Hall

683.3 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council re-considered the October meeting request from CCBC for funding for their summer sport scheme for activities at Risca Leisure Centre over the six week summer holidays of 2020 and again decided to defer any decision on this until later in 2020. The Council are still awaiting the submission from Fusion Dance. The Clerk reported that the planned date for the April Council meeting was set for Monday 13 April but as this is the Easter Bank Holiday Monday the Council agreed to postpone that meeting to Monday 20 April. The Clerk is to attend at CCBC offices for training on a replacement Council website in early March. The Clerk reported that he had an email from CCBC informing him that CCBC will NOT be holding a Risca Summer Fair this year. Instead CCBC are holding a week long Beach Party in Tredegar Park from 23 to 31 May with no involvement allowed by the Town Council. Also, no marquees or stalls will be allowed. The Council wished to note their great disappointment at the news that the Summer Fair is not to take place this year. The Council agreed to give greater consideration to the VE Europe weekend and asked the Clerk to write to CCBC for permission to hold a project in the Park on Sat 9 May as part of that weekend's events. The Council agreed for the Clerk to meet with the CCBC

Parks Manager to discuss possible wild flower seed planting at their preferred 5 sites for 2020

684 Current Projects Summary

Cllr Parker reported that he will arrange for a Projects meeting in early March

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
68	Winter Fair 2019	Sat 30 November		7000
		Christmas tree and lighting		500
	Wild flower seed planting	5 sites		300

685 Planning Applications

None

686 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Signed:

Date:
