

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 10th June 2019 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Also in attendance were Paige Greenhalg and Aled George from Heddlu Gwent Police, County Borough Cllr Bob Owen and County Borough Cllr Ross Whiting

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

607 Apologies

Cllr Brian Davies and Cllr Brian Hancock

608 Presentations

The Mayor welcomed the new area Inspector Aled George and PCO Paige Greenhalg. The Officers gave the Council an update on the crime figures for the Town over the past month. They added that off road biking was still a major operation for them and they are concentrating on finding out where the off road bikes are stored. Other operations include the problems of grass fires in the area, a recent rise in reports of shoplifting and other non-visible matters

609 Declarations of Interest

None

610 Residents' addresses

None

611 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the previous meeting both held on Mon 13 May 2019

Cllr Davies signed both the AGM and the May minutes as true and correct records

612 Chair's and County Members' updates

The Chair, Cllr Tony Davies, reported on the poor health of Cllr Brian Hancock and the Council wished him well for a speedy recovery. He added that he had recently visited Risca Scouts and met with the local representative of the SHADE charity. County Cllr Bob Owen reported that the new community garden project is ongoing and that he had permission for early clearance work to commence from the landowner. He confirmed that the stonework from the Brooklands Road site is to be stored for the garden's future use and that he was progressing work for a Coal Dram near Crescent Road. Cllrs Owen and Whiting both confirmed that Caerphilly Council's plans for a bar to be part of the Risca Summer Fayre had been cancelled. Cllr Owen presented an invoice for electrical sockets for the marquee

613 Clerk's Report

613.1 Notice Board

The recently appointed local contractor was investigating if replacement lock parts were available

613.2 Finance Report

The current statements were agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Council noted that if the amount of £2,000 that had been set aside for the Ty-Sign skate-park project had not been requested by the project's organisers by the date of the next Council meeting, then the amount is to be transferred to the Council's election/reserves account for future use. The Clerk presented the 18/19 External Audit form for the Council to consider. The accounts and the completed form were approved and duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk for submission to the external auditor

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

The Clerk advised that all notifications had been circulated. With the expected long term sickness of Cllr Hancock the Clerk asked the Council for interim representation on the associated bodies. Cllr Sally Davies and Cllr Tony Davies offered to attend the upcoming Town and Community Council liaison committee meetings in June and July. The Council noted their disappointment at the recent Report from CCBC to the Boundary Commission that it had recommended that Fernlea and its adjacent area ought to be transferred to Risca East from Risca Town, without any consultation with the residents affected

613.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council considered a financial assistance request from a local Cancer Research charity and agreed to donate £60. The Clerk reported that Marc Owen the Pastor at Moriah Church had invited both Town and East Cllrs to a

meeting on 24 June to discuss forming a charity with a view to reopening the Tredegar Park toilet block

613.5 Ty Isaf School

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

613.6 Administration

The Clerk suggested a date in late July for a second public participation exercise. However, the Council agreed to defer this exercise to late September

614 Current Projects Summary

Cllr Mike Parker reported that the recent sub-committee meetings for the joint project of our Summer Fayre contribution had progressed successfully. He added that he was keen to also progress a plan for the Winter Fayre and invited Cllrs to attend a project meeting on 24 June prior to the Moriah Church's Pastor's meeting

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
59	ECMO Machine	A series of music evenings is postponed to the summer		??
60	Bands in the Park	Sun 30 June with Crosskeys Band		380
61	Summer Fayre JOINT	Sat 15 June Plans are ongoing		2550
62	Summer flower baskets June to Sep 2019	Local contractor to erect replacement basket brackets on lighting columns and to erect and maintain summer baskets		4000

615 Planning Application

None

616 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm

Signed:

Date:
