

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 10th July 2017 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Joy Parsons and Cllr Mike Parker were present. County Borough Cllrs Ross Whiting and Bob Owen also attended

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

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

397 Apologies

Cllr Brian Hancock

398 Presentation

Mike Halford of HCPT 99 gave a short presentation on the success of his Group's recent visit to Lourdes and he thanked the Council for their support.

The Mayor thanked Mike Halford for his presentation

399 Declarations of Interest

None

400 Residents' addresses

None

401 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 June 2017

Cllr Stephens signed the minutes as a true and correct record

402 County Members' updates

County Member Ross Whiting reported that the recent Tesco Store S106 Planning application had realised a figure of £450,000 for CCBC and that Council are considering its options for the Planning fund. County Member Bob

Owen noted his concern at the ongoing and unresolved CCBC's Chief Officers' matter

403 Clerk's Report

403.1 Notice Boards

The replacement board had been hand-made and ready for erection on the Well chemist shop frontage. Unfortunately, a new contractor's issue was raised with accessing the new board for a few more weeks

403.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The 16/17 audit forms had been submitted for audit

403.3 One Voice Wales

The Area Representatives Committee is planned for Bedwas on Wed 19 July

403.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications – the recent CIL income from CCBC of £2993 was discussed. An option to allocate some of the amount to improve and protect the Fernlea bus stop area was identified depending on the works costs. The Clerk is to seek an indication of the likely costs from CCBC Highways. The Council considered an application for financial assistance from Risca Scouts for their fun run event in September and agreed a donation of up to £225

403.5 Ty Isaf School

A date for a future afternoon appointment at the School is to be set in the autumn

403.6 Administration

1/ A possible Mayor's medal and lanyard options are to be considered in the autumn

2/ Nominations for CCBC's community award were discussed

404 Current Projects Summary

1/ The Mayor reported that The Risca Comprehensive School Headteacher, John Kendall had noted his thanks for the Council's support and contributions to the school's 40th year celebrations last June. The Mayor also reported that Armed Forces Day was held in late June. Cllrs Stephens, Parsons and Hancock attended that service

2/ The Council agreed to contribute £500 to Risca Primary School towards their new hall and stage lighting (Risca East Council had agreed to contribute the same amount)

3/ The Council noted that despite the overall success of its contribution to CCBC's Summer Fayre as a joint project with Risca East, it was disappointed at the lack of actual 'hands on' support and cooperation through the day from the Risca East Councillors. The Council was also disappointed at Risca East's late change of decision to fund the associated, planned entertainment events from 50% to about 30%

4/ The Council agreed to fund additional brackets and summer hanging baskets at a lighting column near the central section of Commercial Street

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
41	Bands in the Park	Due to the July wet weather the Council agreed to postpone a local Brass Band for a Sunday concert to August		200 180
37	Summer toilet block opening on Sundays JOINT	Tredegar Park's toilet opening to be funded for 13 Sundays during the summer (total expected cost less than £800)		400

405 Planning Applications

Case Ref. 17/0417 was noted

406 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed:

Date:

