

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council**

**Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017 at**

**Bethany Church Hall, Risca**

**Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Brian Hancock and Cllr Mike Parker were present**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

**The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm with two interviews for the Member vacancy at the Ty Isaf Fields Ward with a third interview held at 7.30 pm. The full Council meeting commenced at 6.35 pm. Cllr Louise Stephens as Mayor chaired the meeting. County Borough Cllr Ross Whiting and a local resident were also in attendance for the agenda**

**437 Apologies**

**Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Joy Parsons and County Borough Cllr Bob Owen**

**438 Presentation**

None

**439 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Brian Hancock declared an interest that he was a friend of one of the co-opted Member applicants

**440 Residents' addresses**

None

**441 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 November 2017**

Cllr Stephens signed the minutes as a true and correct record

**442 County Members' updates**

County Cllr Whiting reported that CCBC and National Resources Wales were in the process of considering a new planning application for the former Suflex

industrial estate. He added that CCBC were soon to carry out re-pavement works in Isaf Road and that their Tesco S106 monies report to Cabinet had been delayed to January

## **443 Clerk's Report**

### **443.1 Notice Boards**

The replacement board's contractor still had an issue with accessing the new board

### **443.2 Finance Report**

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk reported that CCBC would be asking the Council for its consideration on the Town's Band D community charge for 2018/2019 in time for a decision by late January. The Clerk asked the Council to consider raising that charge in line with the Central Government's 3% inflation mark and to be in line with the Council's current, three year business plan. He pointed out that CCBC had already announced its intention to raise its current council tax charge by 4.7% for next financial year. The Clerk offered two figures for consideration and for a decision at the 8 January 2018 Full Council meeting: 1/ raising the Band D charge from its current figure of £18.10 per year to £18.70 would raise an approximate amount of £1000 and 2/ raising the Band D charge to £19.30 per year would raise approximately £2000. The Clerk paid out the Councillors' annual allowances

### **443.3 One Voice Wales**

Cllrs Parker and Hancock and the Clerk are due to attend the OVW Area Committee at Bedwas on 31 January 2018

**443.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications** – HCPT 99's request for financial assistance for 2018 was again deferred to the January meeting. A request from Llamau was not supported this year. A request from Barnado's will be discussed at the next Joint meeting with Risca East

### **443.5 Ty Isaf School**

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

### **443.6 Administration**

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

## **444 Current Projects Summary**

The Chair wished to note and thank Kate Poole Productions for the excellent Peter Pan Pantomime performances held at Risca Primary School on 9/10 December. The Council agreed to book Kate for another Pantomime in 2018.

The Chair wished to add her disappointment at the lack of attendance and lack of support that was given by the Members at Risca East Community Council over that Christmas concert weekend for the residents of Risca

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
45	Christmas 2017 Festive lighting	1/ new units 2/ contract 3/ power supply		1000 3031 500
38	Panto 2017 <b>JOINT EVENT</b>	Kate Poole Productions at Risca Primary with 4 concerts over Sat and Sun on 9/10 Dec. Tickets at £2 each or a family of four for £6. Plus sweets, prizes and gifts	3150	Total 6000
46	Christmas 2017 window dressing	3 prizes		300

#### 445 Planning Applications

Case Ref 17/0880/RET was noted

#### 446 Exclusion of press and public

The Council agreed to appoint Brian Davies as the Co-opted Member for Ty Isaf Fields from January 2018

**The meeting closed at 7.50 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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