

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of  
Risca Town Council  
Held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 at  
Bethany Baptist church, Tredegar Street, Risca**

**Present:**

**Cllr Michael Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Hazel Dupre (Mayor), Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Sally Davies and Cllr Stephen Tom**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

**The meeting commenced at 7.20 pm. Cllr Stephen Tom as the newly elected Mayor chaired the meeting.**

**152 Apologies:**

**Cllr Joy Parsons and County Cllrs Phyllis Griffiths and Dave Rees**

**153 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Louise Stephens declared an interest in the Planning application.

**154 Financial Assistance**

The recent application from the 'Kickplate' arts group was discussed. However, the Council decided they were unable to support this very short term arts project at the present time.

**155 Residents' addresses**

None.

**156 Mayor's Announcement**

Cllr Dupre, as the retiring Mayor, advised the meeting that she had written a letter to Welsh Government (following her recent One Voice Wales meeting) to provide the Council's preference for a Greater Gwent Council in their consultation on a future Local Government reorganisation. Cllr also reported

that she had written to Caerphilly Council advising them that the Council were not in a financial position to accept their offer of taking on the building/property of Risca Colliers Museum as an asset. Cllr also reported that she had attended the local Girl Guides Association recent annual meeting, had received thank you letters from St David's Hospice Care and HCPT 99 and had met with the Risca Senior Citizens group. (Cllr Sally Davies reported that together with Cllr Tony Davies they had contributed to providing 'bouncy chairs' for Ty Isaf Infants School's nursery.)

## **157 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 April 2015**

Cllr Dupre signed the minutes as a true and correct record.

## **158 County Members' updates**

Cllr Dave Rees and Cllr Phyllis Griffiths had verbally reported to Cllr Dupre that they were keen to include both Risca Councils in their Risca Events Committee.

## **159 Clerk's Report**

### **159.1 Notice Boards**

Three new smaller boards had been ordered from Glasdon UK that are to be delivered to and stored with Cllr Tom until exact locations had been identified/agreed. A replacement for the Chemist frontage board is still being considered

### **159.2 Poppy Planting June 2014**

We had received a second invoice from Caerphilly Parks for £156.31. Parks had been asked for a breakdown on both invoices

### **159.3 Finance Report**

A cheque for £3,000 is to be deposited at a new savings account with The Monmouthshire Building Society. The current statements are satisfactory

### **159.4 One Voice Wales**

OVW recommended that the Council prepare an updated Business Plan/ Financial Plan for the next 3-5 years, plus update the Financial Risk Assessment, our indemnities and build an Asset Register

### **159.5 Annual Insurance**

The Zurich annual insurance premium had been paid

## **160 Projects**

## Project Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Unpaid
23	Summer Show	CCBC Tourism to provide a large marquee in the Park. Risca All Stars Drama Group to be invited – a joint venture with Risca East		322.40
21	Bands in the Park 2015	A joint event for 21 and 28 June 2015		406
20	Pantomime 2015 in partnership with East CC	St Mary's Church Hall and the Cuckoo Club had been booked for 3 performances for 4, 5 and 6 December		477 60 545 1000
13	Caring for Carers Café Joint Project with East £400 received from East	Café for Carers - Mondays 1 - 4pm at Old Bungalow, Brookland Road receipts £63.24 (food etc) banner £30 from local businesses & CCBC		800
10	Young Citizens Community Awards	To recognise & reward youths that undertake good deeds within the Community – joint venture with Risca East		

## 161 Planning Application

One item 15/0290 was considered and noted

**162 Exclusion of press and public**

**The meeting closed at 8.55 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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