

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 12th June 2017 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Brian Hancock, 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

387 Apologies

None

388 Presentations

PC Kramer Sloman of Heddlu Gwent Police updated the Council on the recent crime figures for the Risca Town area and the current policing priority against shoplifting. The police have requested CCBC to increase their CCTV coverage. The police use of drones is being investigated. The next priority is the nuisance of off road motorcycling as raised by the Police Commissioner. Two recent obstructive car parking complaints were reported by Councillors for the local Officers' attention. The Mayor thanked Kramer for his excellent presentation

389 Declarations of Interest

None

390 Residents' addresses

None

391 Minutes of the 2017 AGM and the previous meeting held on 15 May 2017

Cllr Stephens signed both sets of minutes as true and correct records

392 County Members' updates

Both new County Members advised on their roles and the committees they had been appointed to in the new County Borough Council

393 Clerk's Report

393.1 Notice Boards

The Clerk is to investigate if a new local contractor can be appointed to replace the public notice board on the Well chemist shop frontage

393.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk reported that he had received a new chequebook from HSBC Bank for the Mayor/Chairperson's account in the name of Risca Town Council and he is expecting a similar chequebook for the main council account very soon. The Clerk presented the outcome of the 16/17 internal audit and the completed external auditor's form for the Council to consider. The audit was accepted and the 16/17 audited accounts form was duly signed by the Mayor for submission to the external auditor

393.3 One Voice Wales

The OVW larger Councils Conference is to be held on Wed 5 July at Builth Wells and the Area Representatives Committee is planned for Bedwas on Wed 19 July

393.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council jointly with Risca East agreed to contribute £1000 to Risca Primary School for their recent replacement stage lighting and hall lighting systems in the school hall

Cllr Brian Hancock gave an update on his correspondence with the local youth club and reported that the club has decided to remain open for one night a week during the summer holidays

Risca Royal British Legion had reported their request for funding of their Armistice parade and the Council agreed to again jointly with Risca East, fund the public address system equipment and the parade's service programmes

A recent request for financial assistance from Green Meadows was discussed. The Clerk is to send out the application forms and to seek more information on the project's details

393.5 Ty Isaf School

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

393.6 Administration and modernisation of Council meetings

1/ The Clerk had purchased the hardware for the modernisation of the future Council meetings and its business and this should be in place in time for the July Full Council meeting

2/ The Clerk had ordered a second tear drop flag and base for use at the first summer event at Risca Comprehensive School in late June and for the Summer Fayre planned for Sat 15 July

3/ The Chair and Vice-Chair requested that due to the current workload of the 16/17 accounts audit and the planning for the summer events that the Council postpone their consideration of filling the Ty Isaf Fields Ward Member vacancy until after the August recess

4/ The Clerk offered details of a possible Mayor's medal. However, the Council considered the price of approximately £1,300 was too high. Further medal and lanyard options are to be considered

394 Current Projects Summary

| Project No. | Project Name | Description & Comments | Amount Paid | Amount Pledged |
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| 47A | Risca Comp 40 yr celebrations for a week event in June Possible Joint project | 1/ a week of activities | 1000 | |
| 47B | Risca Comp 40 yr celebrations for a week event in June | 2/ 'bucking bronco' ride on 23 June 2017 | 325 | |
| 41 | Bands in the Park | Council agreed to invite a local Brass Band for a Sunday concert in early July | | 250 180 |

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| 40 | Summer Flower Baskets | Summer flowers contract. The flower baskets are due to be installed in late June | | 3800 |
| 39 | Summer music shows JOINT | Council agreed that Kate Poole Productions include for five summer concert locations | | 2500 |
| 38 | Panto 2017 JOINT | Kate Poole Productions to arrange for the Christmas Panto at Risca Primary School on 9/10 Dec 2017 (total cost estimate of £6000 to be shared with Risca East) | | 3000 |
| 37 | Summer toilet block opening on Sundays JOINT | Tredegar Park's toilet opening to be funded for 13 Sundays during the summer | | 400 |

395 Planning Applications

Case Ref. 17/0417 was noted

396 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed:

Date:

