# Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council Held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Senior Citizens Hall, Risca

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Also in attendance were Xander Barratt, Youth Rep, Steve Veysey of Risca RBL and County Cllr Bob Owen

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

## 667 Apologies

Cllr Brian Davies and County Cllr Ross Whiting

#### 668 Presentations

PC Louise Jenkins gave the Council an update on the recent local Police activities and the recent crime data within the Risca Town Area. Steve Veysey gave the Council a report on the Royal British Legion's plans for the coming VE in Europe 75th commemorations to take place on 8 to 10 May 2020 and asked if The Town Council could contribute to the plans. The Council agreed to further discuss the plans for the events in May nearer the dates. The Chair thanked Louise and Steve for their presentations

#### 669 Declarations of Interest

None

#### 670 Residents' addresses

None

## 671 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 13 December 2019

Cllr Tony Davies signed the November minutes, with a minor wording amendment at Minute No. 663.1 to confirm the Council's agreement to contribute up to £3,000 next

year to the Moriah Church's Charity to keep the Park's toilet block open in 2020/2021, as a true and correct record

## 672 Chair's and County Members' updates

The Chair, Cllr Tony Davies had no updates to report. County Cllr Bob Owen reported that he is continuing to take up the recent Tanybryn planning application up with Caerphilly County Borough Council. He added that he is also querying the recent planning process for another planning application at Brooklands Road. The Council again wished to record their disappointment at Caerphilly County Borough's decision to allow a 3 storey new development at Tanybryn

### 673 Clerk's Report

### **673.1 Finance Report**

The current statements were agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk confirmed that he had submitted the Council agreed Budget for and Band D precept figure for 2020/2021 to Caerphilly County borough Council for their consideration. The Clerk reported that he had advertised the Council's Casual Vacancy up to 6 January and that one applicant had applied. The Council agreed for the Clerk to invite the applicant for an interview at their February meeting

#### 673.2 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC/TCCLC

The Clerk advised that Cllr Sally Davies and he are due to attend the next OVW Area meeting at the Bedwas Offices on 29 January. The Council agreed for the Clerk to attend both the OVW/SLCC Conference at Ewloe, Deeside in May and the SLCC Leadership Conference in Kenilworth, Coventry in June

# 673.3 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council re-considered the October meeting request for funding for a summer sport scheme for activities at Risca Leisure Centre over the six week summer holidays of 2020 and again decided to defer any decision on this until later in 2020. The Clerk reported that he had sent the financial assistance forms to Fusion Dance and that Air Ambulance Wales had also written to him asking for a donation for 2020. The Council are awaiting the submission from Fusion Dance and agreed for the Clerk to donate £100 to the Air Ambulance charity

# **674 Current Projects Summary**

At 8.30 pm Cllr Sally Davies asked that Standing Orders be suspended so that the remaining agenda business items could be discussed. Cllr Parker reported that he will plan for an Armistice Concert and a Winter Fair 'post event' meeting in early February to discuss the details of the Projects

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
68	Winter Fair 2019	Sat 30 November		7000
		Christmas tree and lighting		500
	Christmas Window dressings	3 prizes at £100 to be awarded	300	300

## **675 Planning Applications**

None

# 676 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

None

Signed:	Date: