

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 13th May 2019 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Also in attendance were County Borough Cllr Bob Owen, County Borough Cllr Ross Whiting and representatives of Risca Senior Citizens Hall

Cllr Tony Davies as the newly elected Mayor chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.50 pm

597 Apologies

None

598 Presentations

None

599 Declarations of Interest

None

600 Residents' addresses

None

601 Minutes of the previous meeting held on Mon 15 April 2019

Cllr Davies signed the minutes as a true and correct record

602 Chair's and County Members' updates

The outgoing Chair, Cllr Stephens, thanked the Town Cllrs and the Clerk for their support over the last two years. County Cllr Ross Whiting reported that CCBC still intended to keep the Tredegar Park's toilet block closed. He added that CCBC were in ongoing discussions with representatives of Moriah Church to seek local business

and community support for them to be reopened. The Town Council expressed an interest to CCBC to be involved in any future discussions. Cllr Whiting also reported that further discussions with Fernlea residents were ongoing on their request for a new one way traffic order for Church Street. Cllr Bob Owen reported that the new community garden project is still under discussion with the land owner's legal team with a view to passing it over to the Town Council. He added that the stonework from the Brooklands Road site is to be stored for future use and that a Coal Dram is to be located near Crescent Road. He added that he was working with the Senior Citizens Hall to increase its current lease with CCBC of 10 years up to 25 years

603 Clerk's Report

603.1 Notice Board

The recently appointed local contractor was investigating if replacement lock parts were available

603.2 Finance Report

The current statements were agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Council noted that £2,000 had still been set aside for the Ty-Sign skate-park project and the Clerk is to check with the project's organisers to see if they had set up a financial account. The 18/19 Internal Audit had been concluded satisfactorily that afternoon and that the External Audit form will be presented for approval and signature at the next Council meeting on 10 June. He added that the internal auditor had suggested that the 2 defibrillators purchased in January 2016 for the community should be added to the updated Town's asset register. However, the Council agreed that these were bought for the local community as a whole and not for the Town Council and that they be omitted from the new asset list

603.3 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC/TCCLC

The Clerk advised that all notifications had been circulated. Cllr Hancock as Chair of the OVW Area Committee covering Merthyr, Caerphilly and the eastern half of Rhondda Cynon Taff reported that the Area Committee, at its April meeting, had decided to request to the OVW Executive Committee that Caerphilly county borough members be transferred to the Gwent Valleys Area Committee as a more appropriate logistical arrangement

603.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council discussed the recent consultation by the Boundary Commission on the makeup of any future internal Wards within the 22 County borough Councils. The Council wished for the Clerk to respond to the Commission's consultation stating their preference that both Risca Town and Risca East Wards ought to be re-joined as one Ward and one Community Council under

any future review. The Council considered the recent submission from Risca Senior Citizens Hall for financial assistance and agreed to donate a sum of £707 towards the Hall's ongoing renewal works. The Clerk reported that a request for funding had been received by a local charity group called SHADE. The Council agreed for the new Chair to consider allocating a donation from the Mayor's account when a new bank mandate with his name has been set up by the Clerk

603.5 Ty Isaf School

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

603.6 Administration

The Clerk offered to suggest a couple of additional public participation exercise dates for consideration for the summer months. The Council agreed for the Clerk to re-advertise for two, local, youth members to join the Council to assist with the Town's processes and planned Projects. They agreed that the age group ought to be between 16 and 21 and the experience of working in local government would be a real advantage to any local youths interested in the running of their town council

604 Current Projects Summary

Cllr Mike Parker suggested a date of Mon 20 May for a second Projects sub-committee at Moriah Hall

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
	ECMO Machine	A series of music evenings is postponed to the summer		??
	Summer Fayre	Sat 15 June		
	JOINT	Plans are ongoing		

At 8.40 pm Cllr Brian Hancock suggested that Standing Orders be suspended in order that the remaining two agenda items can be considered. Council agreed

605 Planning Application

Case Ref. : 19/0010 was discussed and the Council agreed to object to the application for a three storey building to be erected at the former Pontymister petrol

station and car sales site and the Clerk is to send the objection to the CCBC Planning Officer

606 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Signed:

Date:
