

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 13th Nov 2017 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm. Cllr Louise Stephens as Mayor chaired the meeting. County Borough Cllrs Ross Whiting and Bob Owen and one resident were also in attendance

427 Apologies

None

428 Presentation

Inspector Steve Drayton, Heddlu Gwent Police, introduced himself and gave the Council a summary of the recent local Police activities. The Halloween crime reports were down 15% on last year. The local Police had been concentrating on the local retail centres. A Road Traffic operation was due very soon and Road Safety Week was due later in November. The local Fire and Rescue Service had assisted/contributed with a 'Safety Belts' initiative. The DVLA had been active around the Risca area lately. Insp Drayton advised residents to utilise the local Police Twitter site for updates and to make reports

429 Declarations of Interest

None

430 Residents' addresses

None

431 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 October 2017

Cllr Stephens signed the minutes as a true and correct record

432 County Members' updates

County Cllr Whiting reported that the recent planning application for the Mill Street site had been approved by Caerphilly county borough council. County Cllr Bob Owen reported that a proposal to upgrade the small parcel of land adjacent to Terry Howells business on St Mary Street for a community garden was being pursued through the legal channels as well as the possibility of relocating the Cuckoo statue to the green area of land opposite it

433 Clerk's Report

433.1 Notice Boards

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

433.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk reported on the recent internal audit and reported that in future account summaries any VAT invoices will have that VAT amount listed as well as the invoice total. The Clerk added that he had confirmed to The Pensions Regulator that the Council is a registered employer

433.3 One Voice Wales

Cllr Parker is due to attend the OVW Committee at Builth Wells on 1 December

433.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications – HCPT 99's request for financial assistance for 2018 was again deferred as the Council wished to see more details on the application. Risca Museum had asked for 'Friends' to assist financially and the Council agreed to donate £100 as a 'Friend'. The Caerphilly Access Group had asked all the Town and Community Councils for assistance and The Council agreed to donate £100 to this important local disability group. The Council discussed the possibility of funding a replacement Christmas tree in the Park, however, they decided to postpone any decision on his topic until Christmas next year

433.5 Ty Isaf School

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

433.6 Administration

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

434 Current Projects Summary

Cllr Hancock wished to note and thank the local contractor Greenleif for the excellent flower baskets display in the town centre over the summer and well into October this year

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 JOINT EVENT	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	2000	Total 6000
46	Christmas 2017 window dressing	3 prizes		300

At 8.30 pm Cllr Hancock asked that Standing Orders be suspended in order that the last two items can be discussed

435 Planning Applications

Case Refs 17/0773/FULL and 17/0837/NCC were noted

436 Exclusion of press and public

The Clerk advised that the three applicants for the Town Councillor vacancy for Ty Isaf Fields can be informally interviewed prior to the 11 December Council meeting commences

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed:

Date:

