

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of
Risca Town Council
Held on Tuesday 14 July 2015 at
Bethany Baptist Church, Tredegar Street, Risca**

Present:

Cllr Michael Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Stephen Tom (Mayor) and County Cllr Phyllis Griffiths

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm. Cllr Stephen Tom as Mayor chaired the meeting.

174 Apologies:

Cllr Sally Davies and Cllr Joy Parsons

175 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The AGM minutes of 12 May 2015 were accepted and signed by the Mayor as a true record. The decision on the review of speakers' times is to be placed in the Standing Orders and the Councillors' annual allocation figure of £100 is to be placed in the Policy Document.

176 Declarations of Interest

None.

177 Residents' addresses

None.

178 Mayor's Announcement

Cllr Tom advised the meeting that he attended the Oxford House presentation evening but was unable to attend the Newbridge Armed Forces Parade last

month. Cllr Tom commented on the success of both The Bands in the Park and the Summer Fayre recent events in the town. He added that we are to seek permission from Caerphilly Council for a larger marquee for next year's Fayre.

179 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 June 2015

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

180 County Members' updates

Cllr Phyllis Griffiths reported on a pending six week review of the Risca Flood Defence Project from the Environment Agency, the site of the old library could be used for housing land, maybe a youth club at the old Baths site and possibly for the future a community centre upstairs at the Oxford House site via a Welsh Office grant. Cllr Griffiths added that trees were removed recently due to the river bank works in readiness for the flood defence scheme. Cllr Tom asked about the recent removal by Caerphilly Council of the future funding for Christmas festive lighting in Risca Town centre. Investigations are needed to seek where the Traders' owned 32 festive figurines are stored for possible reuse this year and the overall costings of this annual public service that the Town Council is expected to fund.

181 Clerk's Report

181.1 Notice Boards

Three new smaller boards are stored with Cllr Tom and locations had been found and agreed. Caerphilly Highways had been asked to provide a cost estimate for the associated Civil Engineering works. Cllr Hancock is to contact a local builder for advice on the replacement for the Chemist frontage board

181.2 Poppy Planting June 2014

The second invoice from Caerphilly Parks for £156.31 was discussed at the Joint meeting on 2 July. The outcome decided upon was not to agree to the additional charge for the use of a lorry and 2 operatives that was miscalculated

181.3 Finance Report

The Monmouthshire Building Society had been passed a copy of the Council accounts. The current statements are satisfactory

181.4 One Voice Wales

The larger community councils' seminar on 9 July at Builth Wells was attended by Cllr Hazel Dupre and Bob Campbell. OVW had advised all Councils to ensure that all their computer records and electronic documents are regularly

backed up. Consideration was given to purchasing 2 separate hard drives in case the Clerk's office laptop is damaged or lost. OVW also advised all Cllrs must have a separate email address for Council business. The Council agreed to reimburse the Clerk for the seminar's travel costs at the agreed HMRC rate

181.5 Teardrop Flag

A flag with the Town logo was purchased for use at the Summer Fayre

181.6 Hire of Bethany Church hall

An invoice for June 2015 to May 2016 for the hall hire had been received

181.7 Member's Interests' list and Remuneration 2014/2015 list

Both updated lists are ongoing

182 Projects

Project Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Unpaid
23	Summer Fayre July 2015 - a joint venture with Risca East CC	CCBC provided a large marquee plus 3 power points in the Park. (Cllr Tom suggested purchasing fold up notice boards.) Clerk purchased a Town's Teardrop Flag. Risca All Stars drama group attended. Event successfully completed 11 July	422.40 99.00	211.68 83.66
21	Bands in the Park June 2015	Events successfully completed on 21 and 28 June	187.54	250
20	Pantomime 2015 in partnership with Risca 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 Risca 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 - joint venture with Risca East	To recognise & reward youths that undertake good deeds within the Community		

183 Planning Application

Item 15/0356 was noted.

184 Local Police Representation

Inspector Carl Williams joined the meeting at 8.05pm to give the Council an update on local Policing. Recent local crime figures are only slightly up on last year. His Officers are to leaflet local businesses to remind them to park their vehicles responsibly.

185 Exclusion of press and public

186 Previous Clerk's Pension

The previous Clerk's submitted request for a one off payment to be made to Torfaen Council in lieu of her pension contributions is still being considered by the Council.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed:

Date:

