

## **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council**

**Held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at**

**Bethany Church Hall, Risca**

### **Present:**

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

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

**The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm. Cllr Mike Parker chaired the meeting**

### **347 Apologies**

**County Cllr Phyllis Griffiths, Cllr Brian Hancock and Cllr Stephen Tom**

### **348 Presentations**

John Venn, Vice Chair of Risca Museum, gave the Council a summary of the recent disappointing changes at the Risca Colliers building following CCBC's decision to 'asset transfer' the first floor of the building to 'Newport model association'. The new 'landlord' had demanded over three thousand pounds from Risca Museum towards building maintenance costs despite Risca Museum not being part of any contract deal between the association and CCBC. Also the Newport association's managing director had threatened Risca Museum with changing the building door locks by the end of February. Risca Museum asked the Town Council to write on their behalf to CCBC to query the details of that contract. The Clerk is to write to CCBC

The acting Chair thanked Mr Venn for his presentation

### **349 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **350 Residents' addresses**

None

### **351 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 Jan 2017**

Cllr Parker signed the minutes as a true and correct record

### **352 County Members' updates**

None

### **353 Clerk's Report**

#### **353.1 Notice Boards**

The public board works on the Well chemist shop frontage are expected soon

#### **353.2 Finance Report**

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk had investigated the contract amounts in the Financial Regulations guidelines and will present them at the March meeting. The Council agreed to transfer a further £3,000 to its election account /reserves

#### **353.3 One Voice Wales**

The OVW Area Committee representatives are due to meet in Bedwas on 15 March

#### **353.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

No assistance forms had been received. The Risca Beavers had asked to be included in a future Council project. The social evening/dinner for Councillors and Clerks at the Golden Dragon restaurant on 26 January together with representatives from Risca East was very enjoyable

#### **353.5 Ty Isaf School**

A date for a future afternoon appointment at the School is to be set in the next couple of months

#### **353.6 Administration and modernisation of Council meetings**

Cllr Sally Davies reported the possibility of Wifi being available at Bethany Church Hall for our Council use and the Clerk is still investigating the available hardware for the modernisation of the future Council meetings and its business

#### **353.7 Caerphilly County Borough Council**

Cllrs asked the Clerk to write to CCBC about a lack of a cigarette bin outside the local BetFred bookmakers shop. Cllrs Hancock and Parker are to attend CCBC's Car Parks review meeting on 13 March

### 354 Current Projects Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
36	Spring wild flower planting	Seeking areas to sow the seeds and to invite Risca Beavers		400

### 355 Planning Applications

Case Ref. 16/1089/RET and Case Ref. 17/0010/CLE were both noted

### 356 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

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