

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Tuesday 14th March 2017 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

Present:

Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Stephen Tom, Cllr Brian Hancock and Cllr Hazel Dupre

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm. Cllr Stephen Tom chaired the meeting

357 Apologies

County Cllr Phyllis Griffiths, Cllr Tony Davies and Cllr Mike Parker

358 Presentations

PCSO Jason Harris gave the Council a summary of the recent Policing activities in the Town. He reported a few shoplifting complaints, some anti-social behaviour complaints and a racial abuse complaint at a local store. Cllrs Louise Stephens asked him to consider a complaint of a local driver regularly driving dangerously in Ochryth.

John Venn, Vice Chair of Risca Museum, gave the Council an update on the recent changes at Risca Colliers building following CCBC's decision to 'asset transfer' the first floor of the building to 'Newport model association'. Risca Museum is still awaiting a response from CCBC's Legal Services to their Solicitor's letter in relation to the new contract.

The Chair thanked Mr Harris and Mr Venn for their updates

359 Declarations of Interest

None

360 Residents' addresses

None

361 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 Feb 2017

Cllr Tom signed the minutes as a true and correct record. Cllr Tom expressed his thanks to Cllr Mike Parker who was the Acting Chair for that February meeting and to Cllr Brian Hancock who attended the recent Royal British Legion meeting on his behalf

362 County Members' updates

None

363 Clerk's Report

363.1 Notice Boards

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

363.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk had paid in £3,000 to the elections/reserves account. The Council agreed that Kate Poole Productions could retain the 2016 Christmas Pantomime takings of approximately £950 to go towards the additional sound and lighting costs of the four excellent performances. The Financial Regulations guidelines will be presented for adoption at the April meeting

363.3 One Voice Wales

The OVW Area Committee representatives are due to meet in Bedwas on Wed 29 March

363.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

No assistance forms had been received. A letter was received from Teenage Cancer Trust and the Council agreed that a donation of £100 from the chairperson's account is to be sent to the Trust

363.5 Ty Isaf School

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

363.6 Administration and modernisation of Council meetings

The Clerk is to pay Bethany Church a £15 fee for the extension of Wi-fi that is available at Bethany Church Hall for our Council's use. The Clerk is still

investigating the available hardware for the modernisation of the future Council meetings and its business

363.7 Caerphilly County Borough Council

CCBC had responded that a cigarette bin was fixed outside the local BetFred bookmakers shop. Cllrs Hancock and Parker attended CCBC's Car Parks review meeting on 13 March. Both Cllrs and the Clerk are to attend the Town and Community Council Joint Liaison Committee on Wed 15 March and the Risca Town Centre Management Group meeting on Mon 20 March

364 Current Projects Summary

| Project No. | Project Name | Description & Comments | Amount Paid | Amount Pledged |
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| 39 | Summer musical shows JOINTLY funded with Risca East | Council agreed that three or four summer shows could take place around the time of the summer fayre with details to be considered further | | ?? |
| 38 | Christmas 2017 Panto JOINTLY funded with Risca East | Council agreed that Kate Poole Productions are to be invited to produce the Jointly funded pantomime for 2017 | | ?? |
| 37 | Spring wild flower planting | Five areas were agreed to sow the seeds in April | | 400 |

365 Planning Application

None

366 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed:

Date:

