

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 15th May 2017 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

Present:

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

The meeting commenced at 7.10 pm. Cllr Louise Stephens as the newly appointed Mayor chaired the meeting

377 Apologies

None

378 Presentations

The Mayor/Chair Cllr Louise Stephens welcomed the recently elected Caerphilly county borough Ward Members, Cllr Bob Owen and Cllr Ross Whiting to this new Full Council's first meeting

379 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Stephens expressed an interest in planning application Case Ref 17/0356 to be discussed later on the agenda

380 Residents' addresses

None

381 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 Apr 2017

Cllr Stephens signed the minutes as a true and correct record

382 County Members' updates

Both new County Members said they were pleased to have been invited to the Town Council meeting and promised to attend and contribute to future

meetings. They will consider supporting the Council and Tan y Bryn residents by writing their own objections to the recent planning application at Tan y Bryn. The Chair asked the County Members to investigate the possibility of a new 20 mph speed limit on Maryland Road near the Ty Isaf School access

383 Clerk's Report

383.1 Notice Boards

The public board works on the Well chemist shop frontage is expected to be progressed over the next few weeks

383.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk reported that the first half of the annual precept from Caerphilly county borough council was received on 26 April 2017. Cllr Brian Hancock reported that the Council may receive an invoice from Caerphilly county borough council for £800 towards the printing and advertising costs of the recent Local Government election notices. The Chair and Vice-Chair are to speak directly to HSBC Bank over the length of time it has taken to change the name on the Council's accounts and to issue new chequebooks in the name of Risca Town Council

383.3 One Voice Wales

The OVW larger Councils Conference is to be held on Wed 5 July at Builth Wells and the Area Committee representatives are to meet in Bedwas on Wed 19 July

383.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

Costings were received from Risca Primary School for their recent replacement lighting stage and hall lighting systems in the school hall. The Council, jointly with Risca East, in readiness for the next Christmas Panto concerts at the school are to consider a donation at their next Joint meeting set for 25 May 2017.

Cllr Brian Hancock gave an update on the possibility of the Council supporting/funding the local youth club through the summer holidays. More details on staffing and insurance costs are due from the youth club organisers soon. Cllr Hancock suggested we place this item for further discussion on the next agenda for June and to invite the organisers in to make a presentation. Council agreed to this suggestion

383.5 Ty Isaf School

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

383.6 Administration and modernisation of Council meetings

1/ The Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase the hardware for the modernisation of the future Council meetings and its business. The expected cost is to be a maximum of £400

2/ The Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase a second tear drop flag and base for use at the summer events

3/ The Chair suggested the Clerk arrange for 100 copies of the Council's second 'Annual Report' for 2016 to be printed for circulation to our larger local establishments. The Council agreed for the Clerk to process the copies

4/ The Chair requested that the Council fill the Ty Isaf Fields Ward Member vacancy as soon as possible in the best interests of the local community. The Council agreed that the Clerk is to commence the co-option procedure of an eighth Councillor straight away

384 Current Projects Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
47A	Risca Comp 40 yrs celebrations for a week event in June Possible Joint project	1/ a week of activities		1000
47B	Risca Comp 40 yrs celebrations for a week event in June	2/ 'bucking bronco' ride on 23 June 2017		400
41	Bands in the Park	Council agreed to invite a local Brass Band for a Sunday concert in early July		300
40	Summer Flower Baskets	Summer flowers contract Council agreed to purchase 14 new large flower baskets		2900 840

39	Summer music shows	Council agreed to invite Kate Poole Productions for five summer concerts to include the Summer Fair on 15 July 2017		2500
38	Panto 2017 JOINT	Council agreed to invite Kate Poole Productions for the Christmas Panto at Risca Primary School on 9/10 Dec 2017 (total cost estimate of £6000 to be shared with Risca East)		3000
37	Spring wild flower planting	Five areas were agreed to sow the seeds in April		400

385 Planning Applications

Case Refs. 17/0322, 17/0272, 17/0356 and 17/0369 were all noted. The Clerk confirmed that he had registered an objection on behalf of the Council to Case Ref. 17/0281 at Tan y Bryn

386 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed:

Date:

