

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

**Held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at**

**Bethany Church Hall, Risca**

**Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Tony Davies and Cllr Joy Parsons**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

Also in attendance was Lise Winstone of Barclays Bank Risca

**Cllr Tony Davies as the Mayor chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm**

### **657 Apologies**

**Cllr Brian Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Youth Rep Xander Barratt and County Cllrs Bob Owen and Ross Whiting**

### **658 Presentations**

Lise Winstone, Barclays Risca Branch Bank Manager asked the Council for assistance in gaining additional banking business within the Risca Area with a view to Barclays maintaining their Branch in Risca Town. The Council responded that they were interested in transferring accounts to her local Town centre Branch as they had experienced recent difficulties in dealing with their HSBC Bank based in Newport. The Council also offered to speak with local businesses and residents to support Barclays in the Town. The Clerk is to pursue a meeting with Barclays Business Manager in early January. The Chair thanked Lise for her presentation

### **659 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **660 Residents' addresses**

None

### **661 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 11 November 2019**

Cllr Tony Davies signed the November minutes, with a minor wording amendment at Minute No. 662, as a true and correct record

## **662 Chair's and County Members' updates**

The Chair, Cllr Tony Davies reported on how very successful the Town Council's Winter Fair on Sat 30 November had been. He offered his thanks to all those Cllrs, their families and friends and representatives from Moriah Church who had worked so hard on the day to make it so successful. He suggested that flowers and chocolates ought to be presented to thank those who had assisted the Cllrs. The Council agreed for the Clerk to arrange for the purchase of flowers and chocolates as soon as possible

## **663 Clerk's Report**

### **663.1 Finance Report**

The current statements were agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk submitted his draft Budget report in tandem with a new Projects list for 2020/2021 for the Council's consideration towards setting a precept figure for the new financial year. The budget had included a considerable contribution to the Moriah Church's new charity to keep the Park's toilet block open in 2020/2021 and a figure of up to £3,000 for 2020/2021 was agreed by Council. He added that the Council must make a decision on the Budget in order for him to submit the budget and precept to Caerphilly county borough council by 31 January. The Council agreed on the Project list, its budget figures and also agreed to set the Band D precept figure at £26.50 for the next financial year. The Clerk suggested that he should advertise the Council's casual vacancy at the Pontymister Lower Ward as soon as possible in order that the Council's full complement can be achieved in time for the next financial year. The Council agreed for the Clerk to advertise the vacancy

### **663.2 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC/TCCLC**

The Clerk advised that Caerphilly CBC had consulted the Town and Communities on their budget for 2020/2021 with a response date of 10 January 2020

### **663.3 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Council re-considered the October meeting request for funding for a summer sport scheme for activities at Risca Leisure Centre over the six week summer holidays of 2020 and decided to defer any decision on this until later in 2020. The Clerk reported that he had arranged to transfer £2000 from the Election/Reserves account to the Risca Skatepark's account as a contribution to that Ty-Sign ongoing project. The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation from CCBC that their Planning Committee had approved the new

development at the Tanybryn former service station site. The Council wished to note their disappointment at that decision

### 664 Current Projects Summary

At 8.30 pm Cllr Sally Davies asked that Standing Orders be suspended so that the remaining agenda business items could be discussed. Cllr Parker reported that he will plan for a Winter Fair 'after event' meeting in early January to discuss the details of the Project

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
68	Winter Fair 2019	Sat 30 November		7000
		Christmas tree and lighting		500
66	Christmas Window dressings	3 prizes at £100 to be awarded		300

### 665 Planning Applications

Case Ref: 19/0010/FULL. This application for a block of 18 flats / apartments at the former Pontymister Service Station site on Newport Road, next to the Tanybryn estate had been approved by CCBC and the Council wish to take this decision up with the County Borough Ward Councillors at the 13 January 2020 Council meeting

Case Refs. 19/0798, 19/0939 and 19/0949 were all noted

### 666 Exclusion of press and public

None

**The meeting closed at 9.00 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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