

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of
Risca Town Council
Held on Tuesday 9 June 2015 at
Bethany Baptist church, Tredegar Street, Risca**

Present:

**Cllr Michael Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Sally Davies,
Cllr Joy Parsons and Cllr Stephen Tom (Mayor),**

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

The meeting commenced at 6.45 pm. Cllr Stephen Tom as Mayor chaired the meeting.

163 Financial Assistance

An application was received from Jakki Raynel and Craig Hale from 'Lylac Ridge' who gave the Council a presentation on their local education organisation that is based at Dan-y-Graig that assists youngsters excluded from school and others with learning difficulties.

164 Apologies:

Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Brian Hancock and County Cllrs Phyllis Griffiths and Dave Rees

165 Declarations of Interest

None.

166 Residents' and local Police addresses

None.

167 Mayor's Announcement

Cllr Tom advised the meeting that he is to attend the Oxford House presentation evening and with Cllr Hancock is to attend the Newbridge Armed Forces Parade later in the month.

168 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May 2015

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

169 County Members' updates

None.

170 Clerk's Report

170.1 Notice Boards

Three new smaller boards had been delivered and are stored with Cllr Tom until exact locations have been identified/ agreed. A replacement for the Chemist frontage board is still being considered

170.2 Poppy Planting June 2014

We had received a second invoice from Caerphilly Parks for £156.31 and Parks explained the previous charge for the use of a lorry and 2 operatives was miscalculated. The item is to be discussed at the next Joint meeting on 2 July

170.3 Finance Report

The Monmouthshire Building Society had asked to see a copy of the Council accounts and Bob Campbell will arrange for this. The internal audit of the annual financial accounts was completed and the return was agreed and signed by the Chair. The return will be submitted to Mazars before the end of the month. The current statements are satisfactory

170.4 One Voice Wales

The OVW recommended updated Business Plan/Financial Plan for the next 3-5 years and other items are ongoing. They also advised that each Councillor is to provide a 'statement of interests' for the website and Bob Campbell to provide a base form. OVW had also forwarded a model document of a 'memorandum of understanding' for consideration with Risca East as a basis of a protocol for our Joint Projects. CCBC had also responded to this query and had suggested we take advice from GAVO. Both options are ongoing and are to be discussed at the next joint meeting on 2 July

170.5 Tear drop Flag

The Council is considering purchasing a flag with the Town logo for use at the Summer Fayre. Bob Campbell to provide costs

170.6 Tredegar Park toilets Sunday/summer opening

The Council recommend that the toilets remain open on each Sunday to 6 September and definitely for Sunday 21 June for the Bands in the Park event. Bob Campbell to ask Caerphilly Council to provide costs for the public service

170.7 Hire of Bethany Church hall

The invoice for June 2014 to May 2015 for the hall hire had been issued

170.8 Laptop pen drives

The invoice for 2 pen drives had been paid

170.9 Previous Clerk's Pension

The previous Clerk had submitted a request to the Council for a one off payment to be made to Torfaen Council in lieu of her pension contributions. The Council wished for further clarification of the costs to assist them considering and then making any decision on the request

171 Projects

Project Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Unpaid
23	Summer Show	CCBC to provide a large marquee plus 3 power points in the Park. (Cllr Tom suggested purchasing fold up notice boards.) Risca All Stars Drama Group have been invited – a joint venture with Risca East		422.40
21	Bands in the Park 2015	Events successfully completed on 21 and 28 June 2015		406

20	Pantomime 2015 in partnership with 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 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	To recognise & reward youths that undertake good deeds within the Community – joint venture with Risca East	

172 Planning Applications

Items 15/0243, 0325, 0335 and 0348 were noted. 15/0340 – an objection on road safety grounds was raised to the proposed new footpath to the side street as the footway is too narrow. 15/0364 was considered and the Council asked to see more of the proposal details.

173 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed:

Date:

