

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 9th Oct 2017 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Tony Davies, and Cllr Mike Parker were present

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm. Cllr Louise Stephens as Mayor chaired the meeting. One resident was also in attendance

417 Apologies

Cllr Hazel Dupre and Cllr Brian Hancock

418 Presentation

The local Police representative, Jason Davies, called in but due to the Council meeting's timing restraints an updated crime report summary will be presented to the 13 November meeting

Cllr Zoe Davies as a representative of Risca P&LG with two local children from Risca East gave a short presentation on the proposed Skate park improvements for next financial year at the park in between Elm Drive and Holly Road, Ty-Sign. Zoe indicated the works costs would be in the region of £90K and to date £65K had already been raised including a £15K contribution from Risca East. A contribution from Risca town was therefore sought

The concept of an improved Skate park here was fully supported. However, Chair Louise Stephens highlighted her concerns for overall child safety at the site. Her concerns were supported by the Town Cllrs. Zoe was asked to provide further information on child safety and protection. Zoe undertook to provide further details for the next Council meeting when the financial request will be fully considered

419 Declarations of Interest

None

420 Residents' addresses

None

421 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September 2017

Cllr Stephens signed the minutes as a true and correct record

422 County Members' updates

None received

423 Clerk's Report

423.1 Notice Boards

The replacement board's contractor still had an issue with accessing the new board for a few more weeks

423.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk offered a second quarter budget monitoring. The Council noted that the original Jan 2017 budget allocation for Projects is likely to be overspent by £2K to £3K and this cost can be taken into account by reducing the amount set aside for the election/ reserves account

423.3 One Voice Wales

Cllrs Parker, Hancock and the Clerk to attended the Annual AGM/Conference at Builth Wells on Sat 30 Sep and the Clerk attended the Area Representatives Committee at Bedwas on Wed 4 Oct

423.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications – HCPT 99's request for financial assistance for 2018 was deferred to the next meeting. CCBC's date for the Christmas Fayre and Lanterns parade in Tredegar Park is set for 25 November. The Council decided it was unable to assist with GAVO's Halloween event in Caerphilly Town this year. Cllr Hazel Dupre had presented a cheque for £500 to Risca Primary School towards their Hall and Stage lighting costs

423.5 Ty Isaf School

A date for a future afternoon appointment at the School has yet to be agreed

423.6 Administration

A possible Mayor's medal and lanyard options are to be considered in the winter

424 Current Projects Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
37	Summer toilet block opening on Sundays JOINT	Tredegar Park's toilet opening to be funded for 13 Sundays during the summer (total expected cost less than £800)		400
44	Armistice 2017 1/ 11.00 am Sat 11 Nov 2/ 7.00 pm Friday 10 Nov 3/ 10.30 pm Sunday 12 Nov JOINT EVENT	Pontymister small cenotaph/gardens Risca Town and Risca East joint concert RBL organised parade plus PA system and adverts		100 950 550 440
45	Christmas 2017 Festive lighting	1/ new units 2/ contract 3/ power supply		1000 3031 500
38	Panto 2017 JOINT EVENT	Kate Poole Productions at Risca Primary with 4 concerts over Sat and Sun on 9/10 Dec. Tickets at £2 each or a family of four for £6. Plus sweets, prizes and gifts	2000	Total 6000

425 Planning Applications

None

426 Exclusion of press and public

The Clerk advised that he had re-advertised the Town Councillor vacancy for Ty Isaf Fields with a closing date of 30 October 2017

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Signed:

Date:

