

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council
Held on Monday 8 February 2016 at
Bethany Baptist Church, Tredegar Street, Risca**

Present

Cllr Michael Parker, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Tony Davies and Cllr Stephen Tom (Mayor)

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm. Cllr Stephen Tom as Mayor chaired the meeting

237 Apologies

Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons and County Cllr Phyllis Griffiths

238 Presentations

Two local contractors gave their presentations on the possibility of providing hanging baskets with flowers along Commercial Street and Tredegar Street for 16 weeks in the summer of 2016 following CCBC's stopping of their funding for flower baskets in its Towns. St John's Ambulance Risca representatives thanked the Council for purchasing two new defibrillators for use in the town at the Risca ambulance depot and the local Spar Store/Post Office. A presentation to invite the public and the local press is set for Thursday 3 March at 6.30 at the Risca depot. The Chair thanked all the presenters for their attendance and summaries

239 Declarations of Interest

None

240 Residents' addresses

None

241 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 January 2016

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

242 County Members' updates

None received

243 Clerk's Report

243.1 Notice Boards

The three, new, smaller boards had their Risca Town labels added to them by the Mayor. The Chemist shop replacement public board is ongoing

243.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. A cheque for £200 was sent to Air Ambulance Wales for their financial assistance request

243.3 One Voice Wales

The Council's separate email domain with addresses for Council business is nearing completion. Welsh Government and OVW held a South Wales seminar for Councillors and Clerks in Swansea to discuss the draft Local Government Bill prior to its consultation ending on 15 February it was attended by Cllr Dupre and the Clerk. Councillors are to consider with Risca East Community Council: 1/ a local nomination for the Queen's Honours list in 2017 and 2/ two Beacons as part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations

243.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

A letter from HCPT had been received to assist a local child and a donation of £1,000 was agreed. A letter from Teenage Cancer Trust had been received and donation of £100 was agreed by the Chair/Mayor from the Chairperson's account. Another letter from Tenovus was not supported

243.5 CCBC correspondence on paying for Planters and Flowers for 2016

The two local businesses are to be invited to tender for the contract for the works of flowers in hanging baskets in the summer to be funded by the Town Council

243.6 Ty Isaf School

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

243.7 Risca Colliers building

Cllr Dupre and the Clerk attended a GAVO organised meeting at the building on 12 January. The Newport and Cwmbran model railway society are interested in

forming a consortium with Risca Museum in taking on the Risca Colliers' building as an asset transfer from CCBC. The Council decided to monitor any such progress as suggested by GAVO before giving any view on being involved

243.8 CCBC correspondence on paying for toilet block summer manning

The Clerk is still awaiting information from the county borough council on the cost of the summer weekends' toilets opening in the Park

243.9 CCBC 2016/17 Precept correspondence

The clerk had submitted to Caerphilly county borough council its Precept figure for 2016/2017

244 Projects

Project Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Unpaid
28	Gymkhana	At Risca Rugby Club (May to early June)		
27	Summer 2106 flower baskets (and maybe planters)	Contractors list prepared		3800
24	Christmas 2015 Festive Lighting	1.Repair, supply and erection of 27 street lighting units by CentreGreat 2.Power supply 3.Purchase of two new units	2550 1008	200 ??

245 Planning Application - Item 16/0054 was noted

246 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Signed:

Date:

