

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council
Held on Monday 11 January 2016 at
Bethany Baptist Church, Tredegar Street, Risca**

Present

Cllr Michael Parker, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons, 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

227 Apologies

County Cllr Phyllis Griffiths

228 Presentation

Insp Jason White gave Councillors a local Policing update. He advised that policing will have to be carried out alongside other agencies and via pooling resources with the local community. He noted there was a steady decrease in reports from October to December. The Chair thanked Inspector White for his attendance and summary

229 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Parker declared an interest in planning application 15/0760 as the applicant is an acquaintance

230 Residents' addresses

None

231 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 December 2015

Cllr Tom signed the minutes as a true and correct record

232 County Members' updates

None received

233 Clerk's Report

233.1 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

233.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. A financial assistance request for Air Ambulance was agreed at £200

233.3 One Voice Wales

The Council's separate email domain with addresses for Council business is nearing completion. Welsh Government and OVW are to hold a South Wales seminar for Councillors and Clerks in Swansea to discuss the draft Local Government Bill prior to the consultation ending on 15 February - Cllr Dupre and the Clerk are to attend. 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

233.4 Defibrillators

Two defibrillators had been ordered for delivery in late January 2016

233.5 CCBC correspondence on paying for Planters and Flowers for 2016

Two local businesses are to be invited to contract for the works of flowers in hanging baskets (and maybe planters) from April to September 2016 to be funded by the Town Council

233.6 Ty Isaf School

Cllrs agreed that as many of them as possible are to attend a future appointment at the School in the new year

233.7 Risca Colliers building

Cllr Dupre and the Clerk to attend a GAVO organised meeting at the building on 12 January

233.8 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

233.9 CCBC 2016/17 Precept correspondence

Caerphilly county borough council had sent in their annual letter asking the Council to submit its Precept figure by 1 February 2016. As the Council's base Band D figure of £15 a year had remained the same since the Council was formed in early 2013 and with more public services being asked of the Council the Councillors decided that the Precept figure for next financial year, again based on the Council Tax for Band D Housing, is to raise by £2.50 to £17.50

234 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 ??

235 Planning Applications

Items 15/0797, 0792, 0760 and 6256 were noted. For Item 15/0783 the Clerk is to send in the Council's concern that another coffee shop is being considered here

236 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed:

Date:

