

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council  
Held on Monday 11 July 2016 at  
Cllr Louise Stephens' residence in Ochryth, Risca**

**Present**

**Cllr Michael Parker, Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Louise Stephens, and Cllr Stephen Tom (Mayor)**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

**The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm. Cllr Stephen Tom as Mayor chaired the meeting**

**287 Apologies**

Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Tony Davies and County Cllr Dave Rees

**288 Presentations**

None

**289 Declarations of Interest**

None

**290 Residents' addresses**

None

**291 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 June 2016**

Cllr Tom signed the minutes as a true and correct record

**292 County Members' updates**

None received

## **293 Clerk's Report**

### **293.1 Notice Boards**

Cllr Hancock had asked a local builder to investigate a replacement public board on the Well chemist shop frontage

### **293.2 Finance Report**

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk presented an Annual Budget for 2016/2017 that was agreed by Council

### **293.3 One Voice Wales**

The next Area meeting is set for 13 July at the Bedwas offices. Next OVW AGM/conference is set for Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Mike Parker and Bob Campbell to attend at Builth Wells on 1 Oct. Cllrs Tony and Sally Davies to attend training module No. 5 in Pontypool on 14 July

### **293.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

Council agreed that Pontymister FC be granted a donation of £200 towards their kit costs. Following the June Joint meeting with Risca East CCBC Parks Council agreed to extend the summer Sunday toilet block opening until Sunday 25 September. County Cllr Dave Rees had reported that the Stony Bridge at Fields Park is to remain in situ as part of the flood defence project. The Council agreed CCBC's review of the Code of Conduct. The new PCC, Jeff Cuthbert had asked the local communities to consider if they had any projects to put forward to him. Cllr Hancock to consider if it is feasible to have a summer Youth Centre opening facility to submit as a project. Cllr Hancock provided two Translation Service provider names to add to the Clerk's tender list – now up to three names

### **293.5 Summer Flowers for 2016**

The contract work of flowers in hanging baskets in the summer, funded by the Town Council, is now in place. The Council decided to purchase another 10 sets of brackets and baskets for next summer

### **293.6 Ty Isaf School**

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

### **293.7 Risca Colliers building**

The Clerk reported no news update from GAVO on a possible asset transfer from CCBC

### **293.8 Summer Fayre/Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The jointly funded event contribution to the Summer Fayre on 9 July - hosting a tea party for those current residents born in 1926 to join in with the Queen's

birthday celebrations was successful - despite a miscommunication with the Risca Rugby Club and its caterer on the day. However, the Council were disappointed at the lack of support on the day of the joint event from Risca East Councillors

### **294.8 Administration and modernisation of Council meetings**

The Council asked the Clerk to investigate the possible purchase of a mobile Wi-fi facility with a wireless presentation system to a large screen for its future meetings' business. This could also be used by outside bodies to assist them in their presentations. Business modernisation is a Council aspiration to move away from its current paper orientated base

## **294 Current Projects Summary**

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description &amp; Comments</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Amount Unpaid</b>
<b>32</b>	CCBC Summer Fayre 9 July	1/ Marquee hire - larger size from last year with catering		850
		2/ tea party/gifts/flowers		400
		3/ games		200
<b>31</b>	Tredegar Park Toilets Block 2016	Funding for 12 summer Sunday openings 12 June to 25 September		760
<b>30</b>	Bands in the Park 1/ Risca Sun 19 Jun 2/ CCBC Sun 21 Aug	Chairs and Band		450
		CCBC's Fee		290
<b>27</b>	Summer 2016 flower baskets	Contractor's work with replacement lighting column brackets have been fitted and baskets are in place	1172	2700

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**295 Planning Application**

Case Ref 16/0451 was noted

**296 Exclusion of press and public**

The Clerk had still not yet seen confirmation that the previous Clerk had cashed a cheque for the agreed amount of the Pension claim for 2013 and 2014

**The meeting closed at 8.25 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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