

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council
Held on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at
Bethany Baptist Church, Tredegar Street, Risca**

Present

**Cllr Michael Parker, Cllr Hazel Dupre, Cllr Louise Stephens, 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

247 Apologies

Cllr Joy Parsons and County Cllr Phyllis Griffiths

248 Presentations

None

249 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Louise Stephens declared an interest in the Summer flowers contract decision as a friend to both of the tenderers

250 Residents' addresses

None

251 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 February 2016

Cllr Tom signed the minutes as a true and correct record

252 County Members' updates

None received

253 Clerk's Report

253.1 Notice Boards

The Chemist shop replacement public board is ongoing

253.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. Cllr Brian Hancock suggested a new Finance sub-committee could be formed to meet three times a year to assist the Clerk. The suggestion is to be considered at the next AGM in May

253.3 One Voice Wales

Risca Town Council in conjunction with the Twmbarlwm Society will arrange for a Beacon to be lit on the evening of Thursday 21 April as part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations followed by a social evening and buffet at a local venue (The Risca Rugby Club to be asked for the hire of their function room for 100 local attendees)

253.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The representative of HCPT 99 is to be invited to the April Council meeting to receive a donation. The Council had received a small medal to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday and a letter from HSBC Bank to confirm that their Risca Branch is to close on 3 June

253.5 CCBC correspondence on paying for Planters and Flowers for 2016

The Town Council agreed by a majority to offer Greenleif, a local business, to provide the contract work of flowers in hanging baskets in the summer, to be funded by the Town Council

253.6 Ty Isaf School

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

253.7 Risca Colliers building

The Clerk reported that no further news was heard from GAVO, the Newport and Cwmbran model railway society and the Risca Museum in taking on the Risca Colliers' building as an asset transfer from CCBC

253.8 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

253.9 Defibrillators

Councillors had been notified that the new SPAR store defibrillator needed a safe yet accessible storage unit. Detailed discussions with St John's

Ambulance are due to decide on the most appropriate unit and the Mayor offered to fund it from the Chairperson's account

254 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	Contractor was agreed		2800
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 ??

255 Planning Application - none

256 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed:

Date:

