

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council
Held on Monday 9 May 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, Cllr Stephen Tom (Mayor)

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

The meeting commenced at 7.20 pm. Cllr Stephen Tom as Mayor chaired the meeting

267 Apologies

Cllr Joy Parsons, County Cllrs Dave Rees and Phyllis Griffiths

268 Presentations

None

269 Declarations of Interest

None

270 Residents' addresses

None

271 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 April 2016

Cllr Tom signed the minutes as a true and correct record

272 County Members' updates

None received

273 Clerk's Report

273.1 Notice Boards

The Clerk and Cllr Hancock to pursue a replacement public board on the Well chemist shop frontage with a local builder

273.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. Following advice from OVW, Council agreed to raise the previously agreed amount for this year's transfer of funds to the Elections/reserves account from £1500 to £3000. Following the success of the Queen's Birthday Beacon with the Twmbarlwm Society, Council agreed to donate a further £100 to the Society. Gwyn James, Clerk of Risca East Community Council has confirmed his appointment to carry out the Town Council's Internal Audit for 2015/16 in readiness for the Annual Return for July. At the AGM the Council agreed to raise the Clerk's average weekly hours from 12 to 20 hours per week

273.3 One Voice Wales

Next training meetings are set for Cllr Brian Hancock and Bob Campbell to attend the Wales Audit training on the Well-Being Act in Cardiff on Wed 11 May, for Cllr Sally Davies for Planning on Mon 16 May in Newport, for Cllr Brian Hancock and Bob Campbell for Charing Skills on Wed 18 May in Cwmbran

273.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

Pontymister FC to be asked to submit an application form. The Risca Girl Guides are also to submit a form and Council agreed to set aside a maximum amount of £600 for the Guides transport. The Council were unable to support an application from the Salvation Army. CCBC had asked for the Council's view on introducing a new 'no cold calling zone' in Tan y Bryn. Clerk to advise CCBC that the Council supported the request. Risca Cap Centre had emailed Cllr Brian Hancock for assistance – Council wish to see written papers from the Cap Centre to consider. CCBC Parks had quoted a summer Sunday toilet block opening fee of £46.14 for each Sunday. Risca East had agreed to jointly fund this summer project with the Town Council. The Clerk is to enter an agreement with Parks to pay for the toilet block to be open to the public on Sundays from 12 June to 28 August 2016. CCBC had asked for application forms to be submitted to take part in their Summer Fayre on 9 July. Council agreed to consider a jointly funded larger marquee for 2016 with a catering provision for 'afternoon tea'

273.5 Summer Flowers for 2016

The contract work of flowers in hanging baskets in the summer, to be funded by the Town Council, are expected in the Town in early June (exact date is dependent on the weather conditions)

273.6 Ty Isaf School

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

273.7 Risca Colliers building

The Clerk reported that no further news was heard from GAVO on a possible asset transfer from CCBC

273.8 Queen's 90th Birthday

The Council are still considering hosting a joint event in the summer for those current residents born in 1926 to join in with the Queen's birthday celebrations

274 Current Projects Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Unpaid
32	CCBC Summer Fayre 9 July	1/ Marquee hire - larger sized from last year with catering		850
		2/ prizes		100
		3/ teddy bears		200
31	Tredegar Park Toilets Block 2016	Funding for 12 summer Sunday openings 12 June to 28 August		600
30	Bands in the Park 1/ Risca Sun 19 Jun 2/ CCBC Sun 21 Aug	Chairs and Band		450
		CCBC Fee		268
27	Summer 2016 flower baskets	Contractor was agreed		2700

275 Planning Applications

Risca Town Council – Minutes of 9 May 2016. A copy in Welsh will be provided upon request.

Case Ref 16/0331 was noted. The Council agreed to formally object to CCBC's notification of their plan to sell the Mill Road car park land to a Housing business on the grounds that there are already insufficient car parking facilities for the local surgeries and businesses at the southern end of the town centre. The Clerk is to formally respond with an objection

276 Exclusion of press and public

The Clerk had written to the previous Clerk enclosing a cheque for the agreed amount of the Pension monies of 2013 and 2014

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm

Signed:

Date:

