

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council
Held on Monday 14 November 2016 at
Bethany Church Hall, Risca**

Present:

Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Michael Parker, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Stephen Tom, Cllr Louise Stephens and County Cllr Phyllis Griffiths

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

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

317 Apologies

None

318 Presentations

1/ Inspector Jason White presented the Council with a local crime report summary for October that showed crime and Antisocial Behaviour orders were down. He added that the local Crime Prevention Panel were seeking volunteers

2/ John Brimble, a local resident, presented his report on the historical and possibly current issues he had encountered at Carno Reservoir and Dam that is located near Tredegar and Rhymney at the Heads of the Valleys. His investigations highlighted that historical Ebbw River flooding in Risca, particularly in 1979, may have been due to those Carno issues. The Council agreed for the Clerk to contact Natural Resources Wales and Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water to express its concern for any future flooding in Risca

3/ Marc Owen of Moriah Church addressed the Council on his Church's local community initiative called the 'Big conversation'. The project is part of the 'Wales we want' scheme via local forums and data gathering with relevant local bodies and residents

319 Declarations of Interest

None

320 Residents' addresses

None

321 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 Oct 2016

Cllr Tom signed the minutes as a true and correct record

322 County Members' updates

County Borough Councillor Phyllis Griffiths reported verbally that:

1/ CCBC had responded to her Mill Street car park query saying that as the car park had only 22 spaces it was not deemed to be included in its county borough wide car park report on those car parks with over 25 spaces

2/ CCBC had confirmed that the storage boxes seen near Ty Darren were solely for use for housing improvements at nearby Holly Place

323 Clerk's Report

323.1 Notice Boards

Cllr Hancock confirmed a local builder is still investigating a replacement public board on the Well chemist shop frontage

323.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk had met with the internal auditor for an interim report and that outcome report raised three minor items for the Clerk's attention for the first six months of the financial year. The Clerk had reissued the annual risk assessment/asset list document to the Councillors. The Council recognised that the annual risk assessment had been agreed and can now be minuted here. The Clerk had paid CCBC for the Crosskeys Band event that was eventually rained off last August. Councillors asked the Clerk to query the timing of the calling off and the total cost

323.3 One Voice Wales

The Clerk, Bob Campbell, is to attend the OVW module 19 Devolution of Services training at Bedwas on 15 November

323.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

No assistance forms received

323.5 Summer Flowers for 2016

The Clerk had paid the invoice for the Town's summer baskets and flowers project that was very successful this summer

323.6 Ty Isaf School

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

323.7 Risca Colliers building

The Clerk reported that Caerphilly Council's Cabinet had decided the building to be an asset transfer from CCBC to The Risca Museum Society and Newport Model Railway Association

323.8 Administration and modernisation of Council meetings

The Clerk is investigating the hardware for the modernisation of the future Council meetings' and its business

323.9 Armistice Service at Moriah Church

The Mayor reported that the jointly run Armistice Service at Moriah Church was very successful and enjoyable. He thanked all those who contributed for their hard work in making it such a success

324 Current Projects Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
35	Festive Lighting 2016	Three Tenders received and Contract let to Greenleif		4000
34	Pantomime 2016 JOINT	Kate Poole Productions are to arrange the Aladdin Pantomime at Risca Primary School for 10 and 11 December with tickets at £2 each. Sweets to be provided	2000	5000 1000

33	Armistice 2016 JOINT	3 Events Pontymister small cenotaph/ gardens Risca Town and Risca East joint service at Moriah Church RBL organised Parade + buffet plus PA system and adverts		100 950 550
32	CCBC Summer Fayre	Complete	794 93.11 35	130
31	Tredegar Park Toilets Block 2016 JOINT	Funding for 12 summer Sunday openings 12 June to 25 September	692.10	760
30	Bands in the Park August	Cancelled due to heavy rain	280.82	

325 Planning Application

None

326 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed:

Date:

