

## **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council**

**Held on Monday 10 October 2016 at**

**Bethany Church Hall, Risca**

### **Present:**

**Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Michael Parker, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Joy Parsons and Cllr Louise Stephens**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

**The meeting commenced at 6.35 pm. Cllr Brian Hancock as Vice Mayor chaired the meeting**

### **307 Apologies**

Cllr Hazel Dupre, Stephen Tom (Mayor), County Cllr Phyllis Griffiths

### **308 Presentations**

1/ Tim and Allan Lewis of Commercial Christmas – presented their festive lighting products via an option to rent new lighting units over 3 to 5 years for the Town. Councillors were interested in this suggestion pending the costs involved. Tim Lewis to present his cost estimates as soon as possible

2/ Alison Palmer of Caerphilly Council gave Councillors an update on the Well-being of Future Generations Act and reported on the emerging themes of life long apprenticeships, Metro and City Deal initiatives, overall transport issues and medical issues. The Councillors noted their disappointment that Town and Community Councils were not represented on the new Public Service Boards and that our only contact is via their liaison and an 'essentials guide' website

### **309 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **310 Residents' addresses**

None

### **311 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 Sep 2016**

Cllr Hancock signed the minutes as a true and correct record

### **312 County Members' updates**

None received

### **313 Clerk's Report**

#### **313.1 Notice Boards**

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

#### **313.2 Finance Report**

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk is to meet with Gwyn James in October for an interim internal audit

#### **313.3 One Voice Wales**

The next Area meeting is set for 12 Oct at the Bedwas offices. Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Mike Parker and Bob Campbell attended The OVW AGM/Conference at Builth Wells on 1 Oct. Cllr Hancock reported that OVW was seeking support to become a public company. Council agreed to support OVW's proposal. Cllrs Hancock and Parker and Bob Campbell are to attend the Risca Town Centre Management Group meeting on Fri 21 Oct

#### **313.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

No assistance forms received. Councillors agreed to support Risca East's complaint about a lack of maintenance by Network Rail at their Gelli Avenue overbridge

#### **313.5 Summer Flowers for 2016**

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

#### **313.6 Ty Isaf School**

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

#### **313.7 Risca Colliers building**

The Clerk reported that Caerphilly Council's Cabinet are to consider a report in late Oct on the building as a possible asset transfer from CCBC

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

The Clerk is investigating the possible purchase of a large screen for its future meetings' business with Bethany Church

### **313.9 Armistice Service at Moriah Church**

The Clerk to invite Mr W Babur of the RBL and the current Mayor of Blackwood Town Council to the Risca Service

## **314 Current Projects Summary**

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description &amp; Comments</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Amount Pledged</b>
<b>34</b>	Pantomime 2016	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		5000 1000
<b>33</b>	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
<b>32</b>	CCBC Summer Fayre	Complete	794 93.11 35	130
<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	Cancelled due to heavy rain		
<b>27</b>	Summer 2016 flower baskets	Baskets removed recently	1172	2700

### **315 Planning Application**

None

### **316 Exclusion of press and public**

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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