

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council

Held on Monday 19 September 2016 at

Bethany Church Hall, Risca

Present

Cllr Brian Hancock, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Stephen Tom (Mayor) 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

297 Apologies

Cllr Hazel Dupre and Cllr Michael Parker

298 Presentations

1/ Jakki Raynell of Lylac Ridge – Jakki reported that the local educational farm had received Planning permission from CCBC to extend the business and that she is applying for Lottery funding. Jakki is seeking local support for her funding bid and presented a questionnaire to be submitted in support and she asked if the Council could be present on a future planning steering group

2/ Police representatives – PCSO's Paul Salter and Louise gave a verbal report of the Town area incidents for August: 197 in total, 27 ASB's, 7 crimes detected and 3 burglaries. A new tasking team has been set up, a new immigration operation is planned and a Town parking operation is planned for late September

299 Declarations of Interest

None

300 Residents' addresses

None

301 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 July 2016

Cllr Tom signed the minutes as a true and correct record

302 County Members' updates

Cllr Griffiths reported that the flood defence works were completed. Cllr Stephens asked if a local area expert John Brimble could be invited to speak to a future Council on this topic. Cllr Griffiths announced the CCBC Christmas event in the Park is set for Saturday 26 November. Bob Campbell asked Cllr Griffiths to investigate with her Officers why the Mill Street car park was not included in the recent CCBC car parking report

303 Clerk's Report

303.1 Notice Boards

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

303.2 Finance Report

The current statements are satisfactory. The Clerk presented the completed and unqualified external Audit report for 2015/16. Three minor administration points were noted and accepted for 16/17. The report was agreed by Council

303.3 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 are to attend The OVW AGM/ Conference at Builth Wells on 1 Oct.

303.4 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

Council noted none received

303.5 Summer Flowers for 2016

The Clerk to investigate purchasing additional 10 sets of brackets and baskets for next summer

303.6 Ty Isaf School

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

303.7 Risca Colliers building

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

303.8 Administration and modernisation of Council meetings

The Clerk to investigate with Bethany Church the possible purchase of a large screen for its future meetings' business plus the possibility of a Wi-fi facility

304 Current Projects Summary

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Unpaid
35	Pantomime 2016	Applause Group were invited at Risca Primary venue for 3 and 4 December with tickets at £2 each		5000 1000
32	CCBC Summer Fayre	Complete	794, 93.11 35	130
31	Tredegar Park Toilets Block 2016	Funding for 12 summer Sunday openings 12 June to 25 September		760
30	Bands in the Park	Cancelled due to heavy rain		
27	Summer 2016 flower baskets	Baskets are in place until the last week of September	1172	2700

305 Planning Application

Case Refs 16/0555 and 0760 were noted

306 Exclusion of press and public

The Clerk confirmed that the previous Clerk had recently cashed a cheque for the agreed amount of the Pension claim for 2013 and 2014

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed:

Date:

