

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council
Due to the current Coronavirus crisis it was held as a remote virtual
meeting on Monday 13th July 2020

Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Tony Davies and Cllr Hazel Dupre

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Clerk Bob Campbell facilitated the virtual meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm

717 Apologies

Cllr Brian Davies, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Louise Stephens, County Cllrs Bob Owen and Ross Whiting

718 Presentations

None due to the Coronavirus crisis and Government lockdown and the current Welsh Government emergency regulations

719 Declarations of Interest

None

720 Residents' addresses

None due to the Coronavirus crisis, the Government lockdown and the current Welsh Government emergency regulations

721 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 8 June 2020

The meeting acknowledged that the agreed minutes were signed as a true and correct record. The Clerk will arrange for the July meeting minutes to be exchanged by post for signature as soon as practically possible

722 Chair's and County Members' updates

The Chair, Cllr Tony Davies reported that he had made a donation of £100 to the local charity SHADE from the Mayor's account

723 Clerk's Report

723.1 Finance Report

The Clerk reported that Audit Wales had decided that all Town and Community Councils in Wales are to place a second 19/20 Audit notice of Electors' Rights on the Council's website for 28 days in September. The Notice is for the public to be advised of where and when they can see the audit papers. The monthly account summary to date was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that the new Barclays Bank main account was accessible

723.2 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC/TCCLC

No OVW or TCCLC meetings could take place due the current health crisis

723.3 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Clerk said he was still unable to progress re-advertising the Councillor Vacancy at Pontymister Lower due to the current health crisis. The Clerk noted that St John's Ambulance offered for the community defibrillator housed at the Risca depot to be collected. Cllr Mike Parker offered to collect the equipment

The Council again considered the recent email from a resident in Risca East seeking financial assistance for the new Risca Covid-19 Group and were aware that the Group organiser had invited the Town Cllrs to a remote virtual meeting on the topic on Friday 17 July

The Council discussed the recent CCBC consultation for a new one way system and short term road closures for Graig View and Wesley Place at the main entrance to Risca Primary School scheduled for September. The Council agreed to support the suggestion with the added proposal to reopen the closed off Gwendoline Road to complete a clockwise one way system at school start and finish times only. The Clerk is to report these comments to CCBC

Cllr Louise Stephens had reported to the Clerk with the news that the former Machen Round Table had disbanded and had asked her if the Town Council wished to take over their Santa's Sleigh. The Council were supportive of the suggestion providing more details and information on the Sleigh could be made available. The Council wished to know the type of vehicle, its maintenance costs, where and the cost of its storage for 51 weeks of the year. The Clerk is to make these enquiries

The Clerk suggested that if the Council wished he would arrange for a further remote virtual meeting for Monday 10 August. The Council considered that the August recess should remain and the Clerk is to arrange the next meeting for Monday 14 September

724 Current Projects Summary

The Council considered their Projects list for 2020 and they agreed that apart from the summer flower baskets and the Christmas festive lanterns displays, that due to the current health crisis they will not be holding any other projects for the remainder of this year. Cllr Mike Parker suggested that separate consideration ought to be given to a new Christmas Tree in the Park. The Council agreed to revisit this suggestion in the autumn

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
	Summer Flower baskets	Erection along Commercial Street and Tredegar Street between late June and late September		4000
	Christmas Festive Lanterns plus new Tree			

725 Planning Applications

Applications Case Refs. 20/0461, 20/0476 and 20/0494 were all noted

Cllr Sally Davies reported that CCBC are to hold a site meeting for Case Ref 20/0071 at the former Rolling Mill

726 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed:

Date:
