

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 11 January 2021

Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Louise Stephens and Cllr Hazel Dupre

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Chair/Mayor Tony Davies chaired the virtual meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm

767 Apologies

Cllr Brian Davies, County Cllr Ross Whiting and County Cllr Bob Owen

768 Presentations

PCO Paige Greenhalgh updated the Council on the local Policing issues for the Town. Crime figures were lower over the Festive season this year with the lockdowns

769 Declarations of Interest

None

770 Residents' addresses

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

771 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 14 December 2020

The meeting acknowledged that the agreed minutes were signed as a true and correct record. The Clerk will arrange for the January 2021 meeting minutes to be exchanged by post for signature as soon as practically possible

772 Chair's and County Members' updates

The Chair welcomed Ffion Green as the co-opted Town Council Ward Member for Pontymister Lower. He also reported that the winning three Christmas window dressing prizes of £100 to 'Love is Sweet', 'Coffee Mill' and 'Gypsy Jane' in the Town will be presented as soon as practically possible. Gypsy Jane's owner wished to note that they would donate their winning cheque to the Risca C-19 volunteers group. The Chair also reported that he had presented a Town Council thank you gift to Richard Williams, the local butcher, who had retired just before Christmas after decades of service to Risca residents

773 Clerk's Report

773.1 Finance Report

The Clerk reported that he still had not received the 19/20 annual return for Audit Wales from their nominated external auditor. The monthly account summary to date was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting written confirmation from HSBC Bank to transfer the amount of £365 in the Chairperson's account (that we can no longer access) to the main HSBC account. The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the agreed budget and precept figure for 2021/2022 to Caerphilly county borough council for their consideration

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

The Clerk and Cllr Sally Davies are due to attend the virtual OVW Area Committee on Wed 13 Jan 2021. The Clerk and the Chair are due to attend the virtual TCCLC meeting on Wed 17 Feb 2021

773.3 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council considered the recent receipt of a financial application from the Air Ambulance Wales charity and agreed to support this application with a donation of £200

774 Current Projects Summary

The Council noted that CCBC had agreed to relocate the recently removed eight street planters from Tredegar Street to be repositioned on the grassed area on Commercial Street at the Pontymister Roundabout. The exact location is still to be arranged with the CCBC Town Centre Manager. The Clerk reported that he had ordered two new 4-tier planters for next summer

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
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	Summer Flower baskets	Erected between June to October	4143	4000
		New baskets and brackets	?	
	Street and Park flower planters	Near Pontymister Roundabout and in the Park		4000
	Christmas Festive Lanterns plus new Tree	Contract	2504	5700
		Tree	350	
	Christmas Window Comp	3 x £100 prizes – to be paid out of the Mayor’s annual allowance		

775 Planning Applications

Case Ref. 20/1063 was noted.

Case Ref. 20/1070 for a new community hall off Rowan Road, Ty Sign in Risca East was considered and the Council asked the Clerk to contact Caerphilly county borough council with its concerns for the proposed development on the green leisure area between Elm Drive and Holly Road

776 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Signed:

Date:
