

**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 8 February 2021**

**Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Hazel Dupre and Cllr Ffion Green**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

**Chair/Mayor Tony Davies chaired the virtual meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm.** County Cllr Bob Owen and PCO Paige Greenhalgh also joined the meeting

**777 Apologies**

Cllr Brian Davies, Cllr Joy Parsons and County Cllr Ross Whiting

**778 Presentations**

PCO Paige Greenhalgh joined the meeting at 7 pm and updated the Council on local Policing issues in the Town. Paige reported that traffic speed surveys are due to be carried out on Newport Road, Pontymister at its Rogerstone boundary end. The Council raised four local concerns with Paige: 1/ the recent reports of an incident where two young girls were threatened at knifepoint in the local Tesco Store car park, reports of an individual sleeping rough and causing trouble in the Ochryth area, a complaint of drug dealing on the streets in the Fernlea area and that the Grove Road area residents had been notified of a new online neighbourhood scheme. Paige offered to speak to her Police colleagues for additional foot patrols near the Tesco Store and to report back with updates on the four concerns

**779 Declarations of Interest**

None

**780 Residents' addresses**

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

**781 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 11 January 2021**

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

## **782 Chair's and County Members' updates**

The Chair had no news to report. County Cllr Bob Owen gave the Council his updates on local matters: 1/ The Tan y Bryn development is due to proceed but he is still in discussion with CCBC over the Planning Officers' handling of that planning application, 2/ He was aware of the Tesco Store recent incident and will be writing to the local Police Inspector for an update on it, 3/ He was still in discussion with CCBC on a possible 'high dependency unit' to be located at the former Ty Darren care home site and will be asking CCBC for further information on it, 4/ He reported that the A467 northbound carriageway is to be closed over two nights next week by CCBC for essential road repairs in preparation for a new road surface that was being planned for the road, hopefully in the summer months

## **783 Clerk's Report**

### **783.1 Finance Report**

The Clerk reported that he had received the 19/20 annual return for Audit Wales with no audit issues. The monthly account summary to date was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that he had still not received a response from HSBC Bank to deal with the Chairperson's account (that we can no longer access) and the main HSBC account that was no longer needed

### **783.2 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC/TCCLC**

The Clerk had attended 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

### **783.3 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Council considered a recent Tan y Bryn area resident's suggestion to raise a new online petition against the Tan y Bryn new development. Cllr Bob Owen noted that despite the Town Council's previous written objection to that development, CCBC had already agreed to the planning application so it was unnecessary for the Town Council to object again. The Councillors agreed to consider adding their names to the new petition as local residents. The Council considered an application for finance from URDD for 2021 but decided that as it was unaware of any local Town residents being involved or if the event was allowed to go ahead this year that they were unable to support the application at this time. However, the Clerk is to write to URDD to say they are welcome to apply again in 2022

## 784 Current Projects Summary

The Clerk reported that the recently purchased two 4-tier large planters had been delivered to the Council's local contractor's depot in readiness for siting near the Pontymister roundabout and in the Park

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
	Summer Flower baskets	Erected between June to October New baskets	4143 720	4000
	Street and Park flower planters	Near Pontymister Roundabout and in the Park	1782	4000
	Christmas Festive Lanterns plus new Tree	Contract Tree and barriers	2504 350 128	5700
	Christmas Window Comp	3 x £100 prizes – to be paid out of the Mayor's annual allowance		

## 785 Planning Applications

Case Refs. 20/1046 and 21/0020 were both noted.

Case Ref. 20/1096, Ty Darren former care home site. The Council asked the Clerk to write to CCBC Planning to highlight their concern at the planning application and to ask for further, detailed information on County Cllr Bob Owen's suggestion for a 'high dependency unit' to be located here

## 786 Exclusion of press and public

None

**The meeting closed at 8.20 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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