

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 12 April 2021

Present: Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Joy Parsons, 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 6.33 pm

797 Apologies

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

798 Presentations

None

799 Declarations of Interest

None

800 Residents' addresses

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

801 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 8 March 2021

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

802 Chair's and County Members' updates

The Chair had no news to report. Emailed updates from County Cllrs Ross Whiting and Bob Owen on the local issues they were dealing with were reported to the Council

803 Clerk's Report

803.1 Finance Report

The monthly account summary to date was agreed as satisfactory by the Council

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

The Clerk and Cllr Sally Davies are to attend the One Voice Wales virtual Area Committee meeting on Wed 28 April. The Clerk reported that following the recent Town and Communities Joint Committee virtual meeting with CCBC Cllrs the CCBC Leader, Cllr Marsden, has said she will review the recent loss of overnight street lighting in the county borough. The Council were pleased to hear this report noting that several local residents had complained about the loss on public safety grounds

803.3 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council considered a recent email application for finance from the Macmillan Charity and agreed for the Clerk to send the Council's donation of £200 to the charity in acknowledgement of their recent work during the health crisis. The Clerk reported that he is waiting for CCBC Parks to give a cost estimate for providing a new power supply at both memorial gardens, requested by Risca RBL. He also reported that Risca East had replied to him saying they will consider contributing to the overall cost when it is known and if it has funding available

The Council agreed to contribute £2000 to the Moriah Church's toilet block charity towards their maintenance costs providing the Charity can send a costings explanation to the Clerk for internal audit purposes. The Council is aware that the toilet block had been closed all year due to the current health crisis

The Council agreed for the Clerk to contact the County Cllrs, to check on the latest CCBC planning proposal for the buildings on the former Baths site at the Longbridge grounds

The Council agreed for the Clerk to write to CCBC in response to their 'Parklet' on-street proposals for 2021 to ensure their format is presentable and amenable for the Town and not in a 'road works style' as per 2020

804 Current Projects Summary

The Council is looking forward to taking on the 8 former CCBC flower planters in the Town alongside its flower baskets project for this summer. The Council agreed that whilst the health crisis was still with us they were unable to begin any planning for

their summer events. The Council will consider a new entertainments project over 2021/2022 to celebrate its tenth anniversary in April 2023

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
	Street and Park flower planters	Near Pontymister Roundabout and in the Park	1782	4000

805 Planning Applications

Case Refs. 21/0131 and 21/0212 and CTIL 122408 were all noted

806 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Signed:

Date:
