

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 10 May 2021

Present: Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens and Cllr Hazel Dupre

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Also in attendance were County Cllr Bob Owen, Police CSO Paige Greenhalgh and Steve Veysey of Risca Royal British Legion

Chair/Mayor Mike Parker chaired the virtual meeting that commenced at 6.45 pm

807 Apologies

Cllr Cllr Ffion Green, Cllr Joy Parsons, and County Cllr Ross Whiting

808 Presentations

Heddlu Gwent Police CSO Paige Greenhalg updated the Council on the recent Policing actions in the community

Steve Veysey of Risca Royal British Legion updated the Council on the planned RBL Centenary event for Risca and the recent environmental works that the Legion with its friends and residents had carried out at the Pontymister Memorial Gardens over the spring months. Risca RBL are seeking financial assistance from the Council towards the cost of the work

809 Declarations of Interest

None

810 Residents' addresses

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

811 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 12 April 2021

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

812 Chair's and County Members' updates

The newly elected Chair Cllr Mike Parker thanked the outgoing Chair Cllr Tony Davies for his excellent service over the last two years. Emailed updates from County Cllrs Ross Whiting and Bob Owen on the local issues they were dealing with were reported to the Council

813 Clerk's Report

813.1 Finance Report

The monthly account summary to date was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. Cllr Hazel Dupre updated the Council on her recent meeting with HSBC Bank and reported that some progress was being made to close down those older bank accounts. Cllr Mike Parker reported that it is possible to be able to transfer the funds from the HSBC accounts into Monmouthshire BS for future use

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

The Clerk and Cllr Sally Davies attended the One Voice Wales virtual Area Committee meeting on Wed 28 April. OVW reported that Welsh Government had agreed for future council meetings as the health crisis relaxations allow that could become a hybrid format with in-person and video attendees if the technology can become available for councils

813.3 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

- 1/ The Council considered the request from Risca Royal British Legion and agreed for the Clerk to arrange a donation of £400 to the Legion
- 2/ The Council agreed for the Clerk to write to CCBC with the Council's agreement in principle in response to their revised 'Parklet' on-street proposals for 2021 and that it will monitor the highway areas usage over the summer
- 3/ The Council discussed the CCBC quote of £4,000 for an electrical supply to be located into both memorial Gardens (plus £900 for a new flag pole at the Darren gardens). Risca East CC had indicated they were willing to contribute a share if their budget allows. The Council asked the County Borough Members if CCBC could contribute a third of the overall costs for both memorial gardens
- 4/ The Council asked for the Clerk to write to the Fire and Rescue Service to thank them for all the hard work they had recently carried out to control the mountain fires around Risca

814 Current Projects Summary

The Council's summer baskets and flower planters in the Town are expected to be set out in the next few weeks

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
	Street and Park flower planters	Near Pontymister Roundabout and in the Park	1782	4000
	Summer flower baskets	Along Tredegar St and Commercial St		4400
	Replacement power supply sockets on lighting columns	As part of CCBC's new Town Wifi project		??

815 Planning Applications

Case Refs. 21/0273, 21/0381 and 21/0404 were all noted

816 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed:

Date:
