

In line with the Welsh Government’s ‘Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021’ requirement for all 735 Town and Community Councils in Wales to electronically publish the key information and the outcome of their Council meetings within 7 days of the meeting, Risca Town Council hereby publish an unnumbered and unsigned summary of the:

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 14 June 2021

Present: Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Brian Davies, Cllr Ffion Green and Cllr Hazel Dupre

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Also in attendance were County Cllr Ross Whiting and Risca RBL rep Steve Veysey

Chair/Mayor Mike Parker chaired the virtual meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm

A/ Apologies

County Cllr Bob Owen and Police representative Paige Greenhalgh

B/ Presentations

Steve Veysey of Risca Royal British Legion updated the Council on the recent environmental works that the Legion, with its friends and residents, had carried out at the Pontymister Memorial Gardens. Steve added that two new benches were to be donated by the community for the gardens. The Chair thanked Steve for the excellent work that has been done at the memorial gardens

C/ Declarations of Interest

None

D/ Residents’ addresses

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

E/ Minutes of the Annual General Meeting plus the previous Council meeting both held on Mon 10 May 2021

The meeting acknowledged that both of the agreed minutes were signed as a true and correct record

Risca Town Council – Early summary of Minutes of 14 June 2021 to publish electronically. A copy in Welsh will be provided upon request.

F/ County Cllr Ross Whiting updated the Council on the local issues he and Cllr Bob Owen were dealing with

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

The Clerk's monthly account summary to date was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk presented the 2020/2021 Audit Return papers that had recently been internally audited and read through the annual governance statement's nine points, to be recorded on the Return document for Audit Wales. The Council agreed the 2020/2021 Audit Return as satisfactory to submit to Audit Wales and the electorate. The Clerk reported that the funds of £365 in the former Chairperson's account at HSBC Bank had at last been transferred to the HSBC main account. The Clerk wished to record his thanks to Cllr Dupre for her hard work in preparing and finalising this erstwhile transaction

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

1/ The Council were pleased that Caerphilly County Borough Council were prepared to fund one third of the cost of an electrical supply to be located into both memorial Gardens in the Town. It was unclear if they would include the additional requested cost for a new flag pole at the Darren gardens. The Clerk confirmed that Risca East CC had already indicated they were also willing to contribute a share. The Council asked the County Borough Member present for a more detailed cost estimate from CCBC

H/ Current Projects Summary

The Council discussed its ongoing summer project. The Chair reported that the flower planters and flower baskets were in place. No other summer project can be planned at the present time

I/ Planning Applications

None

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

The full Minutes when agreed and signed will also be made available on the Council's website as soon as practically possible
