

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 20 Sep 2021

Present: Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Ffion Green and Cllr Hazel Dupre

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell and
Risca RBL representative Steve Veysey

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

A/ Apologies

Cllrs Louise Stephens and Joy Parsons, County Cllrs Bob Owen and Ross Whiting and Police representative Paige Greenhalgh

B/ Presentations

Steve Veysey of Risca Royal British Legion had emailed the Council asking if consideration could be given to it taking over the responsibility, risk and costings for an Armistice parade on the public highway through the town

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 previous Council meeting held on Mon 12 July 2021

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

F/ There were no County Cllr reports

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

The Clerk reported a three monthly account summary to date to cover June, July and August and the Council agreed the report as satisfactory. The Clerk reported that he had not received any queries during the dates of notice of electors' rights for the 2020/2021 Audit Return. He is now waiting for any further queries from Audit Wales

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

1/ The Council were made aware that Caerphilly County Borough Council had not responded to provide a detailed cost estimate of an electrical supply to be located into both memorial gardens in the Town

2/ The Council were made aware that an additional request from Risca RBL for a water supply at Pontymister Gardens was also being discussed with CCBC and Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water

3/ The Council were made aware of CCBC's plans to review the format of their Town Centre Management Groups to bring the Group meetings into the Town's and the Clerk recommended his support for the change. Council agreed

4/ The Clerk reported that the financial contribution from Tesco/Groundwork of £1000 towards the costs of the new summer flower planters had been made. He added that he must now provide a project completion report with photographs. The Council wished to note their thanks to Tesco/Groundwork for their contribution

5/ The Council gave consideration to the recent request from Risca RBL to take responsibility for a Sunday morning Armistice parade through the Town. However, a decision has not been possible as CCBC had not yet given its decision on whether it would take such responsibility. Heddlu Gwent Police have also stated they will only be present at wreath laying ceremonies and with no costing for the essential road closures being given by CCBC or no known public indemnity insurance in place, the Council agreed to reconsider the request at their 11 October meeting

6/ The Council considered the recent request from the Risca Covid-19 Group to join with them in opposing the CCBC plan to sell off their leisure land at Ty-Sign to an American Church. The Council agreed their support on opposing the leisure land sale to a church

H/ Current Projects Summary

The Chair reported that this year's' Armistice Concert is also cancelled due to the current health crisis

I/ Planning Applications

Case Refs. 0829 and 0868 were noted. Case Ref 0658 Lylac Ridge – the Council agreed to await the outcome of County Cllr Bob Owen’s objection and legal position request on the item

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm

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