

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 11 October 2021

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell and
Risca RBL representative Steve Veysey, County Cllr Bob Owen, Scott Hood and Amy Cowdry of Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water

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

847 Apologies

Cllrs Ffion Green, Brian Davies and County Cllr Ross Whiting

848 Presentations

Scott Hood and Amy Cowdry gave the council an update on the terms of their current Capital Programme to include offering plumbing assistance to house holders and local businesses in a bid to cut down on water leakages. The Chair thanked both for their excellent presentation

849 Declarations of Interest

None

850 Residents' addresses

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

851 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 20 Sep 2021

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

The Clerk will arrange for the October 2021 meeting minutes to be exchanged by post for signature as soon as practically possible

852 Chair's and County Members' updates

The Chair reported on the recent sad news of the motor accident that involved the local Heddlu Gwent Police representative to the Town Council, PCSO Paige Greenhalgh. The Council wished to report their best wishes to Paige for a swift and full recovery. County Cllr Bob Owen gave his verbal report/update

853 Clerk's Report

853.1 Finance Report

The Clerk reported his monthly account summary to date and the Council agreed the report as satisfactory. The Clerk reported that he had not received any news yet on the 2020/2021 Audit Return from Audit Wales

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

The Clerk and Cllr Sally Davies attended the recent One Voice Wales virtual Area Committee meeting on held on Wed 6 October. The Clerk and Cllr Mike Parker are due to attend the Caerphilly TCCLC virtual meeting on Wed 20 October. OVW continue to recommend that councils hold meetings in a virtual format until the health crisis abates. The Town Council will continue to hold virtual meetings unless otherwise advised by Welsh Government and One Voice Wales

853.3 Correspondence

- 1/ The Council were made aware that Caerphilly County Borough Council had still 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 noted that the Chair had asked the Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water reps present for information to progress the additional request from Risca RBL for a water supply at Pontymister Gardens
- 3/ The Council discussed the recent report that the new proprietors at The Exchange Post Office did not wish to take on the responsibility and maintenance of the Town's Defibrillator that is housed in the Post Office. The Chair agreed to retrieve the machine and to take it to the St John's Ambulance local depot that had very recently reopened. However, as the opening hours of the depot were much less than those of the Post Office the Council agreed to donate the machine to St John for training purposes and to purchase a new machine with an external box for the depot at a cost of approximately £1,350
- 4/ The Council gave further consideration to the recent request from Risca RBL to take the responsibility, risk and costings for a Sunday morning Armistice parade through the Town on 14 November. However, as the Council still had

not seen any decision from CCBC on the request that it decided to place the item onto its Projects list for consideration and budgeting in 2022

5/ The Clerk reported that no financial assistance requests had been received

854 Current Projects Summary

The Chair reported that this year's Festive Lanterns and Christmas Trees project is to proceed

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
	Replacement power supply sockets on lighting columns	As part of CCBC's new Town Wifi project		??
	2021 Festive Lanterns and Christmas Trees	From Fri 25 Nov 2021 to Fri 6 Jan 2022		£5000
	Christmas window dressing prizes	3 at £100		300

855 Planning Applications

None

856 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm

Signed:

Date: