

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 11 Oct 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 Mike Parker chaired the virtual meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm

A/ Apologies

Cllrs Ffion Green, Brian Davies and County Cllr Ross

B/ 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

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 20 Sep 2021

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

F/ 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

G/ Decisions made

G1 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

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

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 Drw 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

H/ Current Projects Summary

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

I/ Planning Applications

None

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