

## **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 8 November 2021**

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

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

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

### **857 Apologies**

Cllr Louise Stephens, County Cllrs Ross Whiting and Bob Owen and Risca RBL representative Steve Veysey

### **858 Presentations**

None

### **859 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **860 Residents' addresses**

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

### **861 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 11 Oct 2021**

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

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

### **862 Member's update**

Cllr Ffion Green reported an update on the condition of Heddlu Gwent Police PCSO Paige Greenhalgh following her recent car accident. The Council were pleased to

hear that Paige was recovering well at a Police rehab centre in Reading and again wished to report their best wishes to Paige for a swift and full recovery

## **863 Clerk's Report**

### **863.1 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 still not received any news yet on the 2020/2021 Audit Return from Audit Wales and that he has presented the 2021/2022 half year audit to the internal auditor

### **863.2 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC/TCCLC**

The Clerk and Cllr Mike Parker attended the Caerphilly TCCLC virtual meeting on Wed 20 October. The next TCCLC virtual Joint meeting with CCBC Cllrs is set for Wed 24 November. 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

### **863.3 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 and the additional request from Risca RBL for a water supply at Pontymister Gardens
- 2/ Cllr Ffion Green reported on a request she had received to consider removing an overhanging tree from Risca Primary School's grounds. The Council noted that Cllr Green will be in contact with the School to deal with the request and will make a further report on the issue as discussions continue
- 3/ The Council discussed a replacement location for their Defibrillator that was previously housed in the Exchange Post Office. The Chair will contact the local Fusion Dance Group to see if they will house the equipment
- 4/ The Clerk was pleased to report that Caerphilly county borough council had agreed to carry out the necessary road closures and provide public indemnity insurance for an Armistice/Remembrance Parade through Risca Town on Sunday 14 Nov 2021. The Clerk confirmed that on Friday 22nd October he had acted as the event 'local organiser' and had completed and submitted to CCBC their road closures application form on behalf of Risca Town Council. The Town Council were very pleased to hear that a Remembrance Parade in the

Town was now able to take place in 2021. The Clerk reported on a submitted written summary of the planned Armistice week events by Steve Veysey of Risca RBL. The Council agreed to donate a maximum of £300 to Risca RBL towards their Remembrance Sunday parade's buffet and programmes cost 5/ The Clerk reported that a financial assistance request had been received from The Brightwell in Bradley Stoke in South West England which is an independent charity which offers treatments, therapies and support to individuals living with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The request applicant added that they were assisting a Risca Town resident. The Council agreed for the Clerk to send the applicant the Town's financial assistance forms for their further consideration

### 864 Current Projects Summary

The Chair reported that planning for this year's' Festive Lanterns and Christmas Trees project was underway

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

### 865 Planning Applications

None

### 866 Exclusion of press and public

None

**The meeting closed at 7.45 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**