

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 13 Dec 2021

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

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

A/ Apologies

Risca Royal British Legion representative Steve Veysey and County Cllrs Bob Owen and Ross Whiting

B/ Presentations

None

C/ Declarations of Interest

None

D/ Residents' addresses

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

E/ Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 8 Nov 2021

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

F/ Mayor/Chair Cllr Mike Parker reported that he had attended the Risca Royal British Legion Centenary event on behalf of the Town Council and the evening was enjoyable and successful. He added that Moriah church Pastor, Marc Owen,

wished to address the Council at their January 10 2022, Council meeting to provide an update on the Tredegar Park toilet block

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 still not received any news yet on the 2020/2021 Audit Return from Audit Wales and that 2021/2022 half year audit had been agreed by the internal auditor. The Clerk presented a budget for 2022/2023 with an updated 3-year business plan based on predicted inflation rates. The Council considered the report, taking into account the ongoing health crisis and the loss of the Town Council's regular summer and winter fairs. The Council agreed to not to increase the Band D Council tax rate for one year. The Clerk is to make this report to Caerphilly County Borough Council as soon as practically possible

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

- 1/ The Clerk reported that he was still in discussion with Caerphilly CBC 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 asked the Council to consider the recent Caerphilly CBC consultation on their Experimental traffic order at Risca Primary School that they wished to make permanent. The Council had no adverse comments to this proposal
- 3/ The Chair had delivered the Town's defibrillator to the local St John's Ambulance depot and the Clerk is to arrange for a new defibrillator and outside housing box for the local Fusion Dance Group
- 4/ The Clerk was pleased to report that the Armistice/Remembrance Parade through Risca Town on Sunday 14 Nov 2021 was very successful. The Clerk added that at the recent Town and Communities Councils joint meeting with Caerphilly CBC they had thanked the CCBC Mayor Cllr Marsden, for ensuring all such parades across the county borough went ahead as planned this year
- 5/ Cllr Sally Davies reported that she had been in discussion with the local Twmbarlwm Society for a planned lit Beacon to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next June
- 6/ Cllr Hazel Dupre reported that the notice board at the local Well Chemist had been damaged and that the main notice board was saturated. The Clerk is to investigate replacements for both notice boards

H/ Current Projects Summary

The Chair reported that following the very successful Town Council's summer flower baskets and new planters project, the Festive Lanterns and Christmas Trees project

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was underway from 3 December. He added that for this year the Town had 35 lit lanterns in place as well as a large festive lantern located in the Park, adjacent to the trees. The Council discussed the project and note that the Trees had raised a mixed response from some residents on social media. The Clerk reported that he had ordered additional sets of coloured tree lights that were due to be delivered by mid-December for the local contractor to add to the main tree

I/ Planning Applications

None. However, the Council were aware of the ongoing discussions between the two County Council Ward Members and Caerphilly CBC Planning Department over the plans for the Rolling Mill site and the new Travellers' site at Lylac Ridge

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

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