

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 14 February 2022

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

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

887 Apologies

Cllr Ffion Green, Cllr Joy Parsons, County Cllrs Ross Whiting and Bob Owen and Risca RBL representative Steve Veysey

888 Presentations

The Clerk read out an emailed statement from Steve Veysey of Risca RBL asking the Council for a contribution of about £200 to Risca RBL's Falklands War Commemoration Concert at Moriah Church on **10th of June 2022**. The Council wish to support the Risca RBL in their Concert plans with a donation. The Clerk is to contact Risca East community council to ask if they too are to contribute to the RBL Concert as a jointly funded event

889 Declarations of Interest

None

890 Residents' addresses

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

891 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 10 Jan 2022

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

892 Mayor's update

None

893 Clerk's Report

893.1 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 on the 2020/2021 Audit Return from Audit Wales

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

The Clerk advised the Council that Caerphilly CBC had called a new Risca Town Centre Management Group virtual meeting for 8.30 am on Tues 22 Feb and asked if as many Town Cllrs could attend as possible

893.3 Correspondence

- 1/ The Clerk reported that on Tues 8 Feb 2022 together with Cllrs Mike Parker and Sally Davies they had met with Risca RBL officers and the Caerphilly CBC Street Lighting Engineer to discuss the provision and a detailed cost estimate of an electrical supply to be located into both memorial gardens in the Town
- 2/ The Clerk is still to arrange for a new defibrillator and outside housing box for the local Fusion Dance Group. Further information on a possible power supply to the box is being discussed with the Dance Group
- 3/ The Clerk is to continue to investigate replacements for the Council's town centre notice boards
- 4/ The Council agreed for Cllrs S Davies, J Parsons and L Stephens to make up a Queen's Platinum Jubilee event sub-group. The summer event is to take place in Tredegar Park on Sun 5 June 2022. The Clerk confirmed that he had already sought and received permission for the event in the Park from Caerphilly CBC Parks Department
- 5/ The Clerk and the Mayor Cllr Mike Parker confirmed that the 'Risca Tots' group could not satisfy the Council's financial assistance terms and the Mayor is to consider making a separate donation to the tots group from his personal annual allowance
- 6/ The Clerk reported that he is still in discussion with Caerphilly CBC Libraries to take out a new rental agreement for the hire of the Library office for Risca Town Council's use. He added that as the health crisis restrictions are being eased he hoped that the Council could resume meeting indoors in person on Monday evening 14 March at the Bethany Church Hall
- 7/ The Clerk also advised the Council of the coming Local Elections date of Thurs 5 May 2022. The Elections are for all Local Authorities in Cymru/Wales to include Risca Town Council's 8 seats for the next 5 years

894 Current Projects Summary

The Council confirmed that a Risca Town Council Summer Fair will take place to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on the afternoon of Sun 5 June 2022 with a set budget of £9000. The Council also confirmed its financial support to the Twmbarlwm Society for a Queen's Jubilee Beacon to be lit at 9.45 pm on Thurs 2 June on Twmbarlwm

| Project No. | Project Name | Description & Comments | Amount Paid | Amount Pledged |
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| | Replacement power supply sockets on lighting columns | As part of CCBC's new Town Wifi project | | ?? |
| | 1/ Power supplies at 2 remembrance Gardens plus a new flagpole at Darren Gardens | 2 x Power supplies – Estimated £4000 quotation from CCBC New flagpole Estimated £900 from Town Council | | ? |
| | 2/ Water supply at Pontymister Gardens | Discussions are ongoing with CCBC and Risca East for joint funding | | ? |
| | Queen's Jubilee | | | |
| | 1/ Summer Fair | Sunday 5 June | | 9000 |
| | 2/ Twmbarlwm Beacon | Thurs 2 June | | 500 |

895 Planning Applications

Case Refs 21/1180 and 22/0039 were both noted

896 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Signed:

Date: