

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 14 Feb 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 Mike Parker chaired the virtual meeting that commenced at 6.35 pm

A/ Apologies

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

B/ 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 14th of July 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

C/ Declarations of Interest

None

D/ Residents' addresses

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

E/ 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

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F/ Decisions made

F1 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

F2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

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 Cllr 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 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

8/ 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

G/ Current Projects Summary

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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

H/ Planning Applications

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

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

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