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Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council
Held as a 'hybrid' meeting with both in person and remote virtual access
on Monday 16 May 2022

Present: Cllr Ffion Green, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Brian Davies, Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell all attended in person. There were no requests to attend virtually. Also in attendance in person were County Cllr Bob Owen, Heddlu Gwent Police representative Officer Jason Davies, residents Mike Parker and Hazel Dupre and local Ukraine people's representative Victor Timotin

Chair/Mayor Cllr Sally Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.40 pm.

917 Apologies

County Cllr Ceri Wright and Risca RBL rep Steve Veysey

918 Presentations

Police Officer Jason Davies updated the Council on the recent policing activities in the Town. Jason asked if residents could report any concerns of illegal activity in the Town to the local police. Victor Timotin thanked the Council for its support to the Ukraine people with the recent donation of six medical packs. The Council wished to record their thanks to their former Town Cllrs Mike Parker and Hazel Dupre for all their hard work for the local community since the Town Council procedure commenced in 2012 and became a Council in April 2013

919 Declarations of Interest

None

920 Residents' addresses

Both Mike Parker and Hazel Dupre wished the Town Council every success in its support to the local community for the future

921 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 11 Apr 2022

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

922 Mayor's and County Cllrs updates

County Cllr Bob Owen updated the Council on the local issues he has been dealing with

923 Clerk's Report

923.1 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 and that he had submitted the internal audit papers for 2021/2022 to the appointed internal auditor Gwyn James, Clerk at Argoed CC

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

The Clerk advised the Council that the recent One Voice Wales Area virtual meeting was held on Wed 27 April that both he and Cllr Sally Davies had attended. The next TCCLC meeting is due for later in June

923.3 Correspondence

1/ The Clerk reported that he had today received an email from Caerphilly CBC's Street Lighting Engineer with costings from Western Power on the Risca RBL request for new power supplies to both Memorial Gardens. Caerphilly CBC and Risca East are considering paying a third each. However, the cost for the Pontymister Gardens is £2520 and for the Darren Gardens is £5400, a total of £7,920. The Council decided that even if the total cost was split three ways it could not fund a third of that total. The Council is still pursuing the Risca RBL's other requests for a water supply at Pontymister Gardens and a new flagpole at the Darren Gardens, to be funded jointly with Risca East

2/ The Clerk is still to investigate replacements for the Council's town centre notice boards and the local Fusion Dance Group to discuss a power supply for a new defibrillator box on the dance centre building

3/ The Clerk is to arrange a donation for £600 to The Kids Cancer Charity and £250 to Risca RBL for their 10 June Falklands commemoration concert

4/ The Clerk confirmed that he had advertised for co-option of the Member vacancy at the Dan y Graig Ward

924 Current Projects Summary

Cllr Sally Davies confirmed that the plans for a Risca Town Council Summer Fair to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on the afternoon of Sun 5 June 2022 and the Twmbarlwm Society's plan for a Queen's Jubilee Beacon to be lit at 9.45 pm on Thurs 2 June on the mountain, were being progressed

Project	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount	Amount
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No.			Paid	Pledged
	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 – New price quote in from CCBC at £7900 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

925 Planning Application

Case Refs: 22/0375 and 22/0339 were noted

926 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.31pm

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Date: 13.6.22