

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 ongoing health crisis it was held as a 'hybrid meeting'. Thus it was open as an in-person, indoors meeting at the Bethany Church Hall and as a remote virtual meeting 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.

A/ Apologies

County Cllr Ceri Wright and Risca RBL rep Steve Veysey

B/ Presentations

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

C/ Declarations of Interest

None

D/ Residents' addresses

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

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

Risca Town Council – Early summary of Minutes of 16 May 2022 to publish electronically. A copy in Welsh will be provided upon request.

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

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

F2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

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. The Clerk reported that he had not yet had a response from Caerphilly CBC on the previous Risca RBL requests for power supplies at both gardens in the Town. The requests are to be pursued following the May elections

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

G/ 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

H/ Planning Applications

Case Refs 22/0375 and 22/0339 were noted

The meeting closed at 8.31pm

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