

## **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Risca Town Council**

**The meeting 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 13 June 2022**

**Present: Cllr Ffion Green, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Clare Evans-Powell, Cllr Mike Parker and Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell all attended in person. There were no requests to attend virtually.** Risca RBL rep Steve Veysey and Moriah Church Pastor Marc Owen also attended in person

**Chair/Mayor Cllr Sally Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30 pm.**

### **927 Apologies**

County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen. The Council did not receive an apology for absence from Town Cllr Brian Davies

### **928 Presentations**

The Mayor/Chair Cllr Sally Davies welcomed back Mike Parker as a co-opted Member of the Town Council. Cllr Davies also reported on the great success of the Town Council's Queen's Jubilee Summer Fair and the 'Lighting of the Beacon' event on Twmbarlwm mountain. Cllr Davies wished to record her thanks to all the Town Cllrs and their friends and families who helped with the workload of the Summer Fair, making it such a success for the residents of Risca.

Moriah Church Pastor Marc Owen gave the Council a resume of his Church's management of the Tredegar Park's Toilet Block. Despite a number of disappointing vandalism incidents, his local charity has been able to open the toilet block Monday-Saturday over the past year. He asked the Town Council for a further contribution of £3500 to the running costs for 2022/2023. The Council wished to note their appreciation for all the hard work the Pastor and his colleagues had made to keep the block open.

The Risca RBL representative Steve Veysey reported that he is in discussions with the two Caerphilly County Cllrs over funding towards the quote from Western Power for new power supplies to both Memorial Gardens. He added that he will also approach the three Caerphilly County Cllrs at Risca East for possible funding. 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, both to be funded jointly with Risca East. Steve thanked both Town and East Councils for their donations to the successful Risca RBL's Falklands War commemoration concert that was held recently at Moriah Church

## **929 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Sally Davies and Tony Davies declared an interest in a financial assistance request from AC Pontymister

## **930 Residents' addresses**

None

## **931 Minutes of the 2022 AGM and the previous Council meeting held on Mon 16 May 2022**

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

## **932 Mayor's and County Cllrs updates**

None

## **933 Clerk's Report**

### **933.1 Finance Report**

The Clerk reported his monthly account summary to date and the Council agreed the report as satisfactory. The Clerk reported that he was still awaiting news on the 2020/2021 Audit Return from Audit Wales and he presented to Council the internally audited papers for 2021/2022. The Council agreed the audit papers and for the Clerk to process them to Audit Wales in early July

### **933.2 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC/TCCLC**

The Clerk reported that the date for the next TCCLC meeting was set for Thurs 30 June 2022 and the date for TCCLC Joint meeting with the new Caerphilly County Cllr representatives had not yet been agreed but was expected in late July 2022. The date for the next OVW Area meeting was set for Wednesday 20 July

### **933.3 Correspondence**

1/ The Clerk wished to record his own thanks to the Town Cllrs on the success of the Risca Town Council's Queen's Jubilee Summer Fair, held on Sunday 5 June 2022

2/ The Clerk reported that he is aware of an imminent receipt of a financial application from AC Pontymister for sports medical equipment. The Council agreed to discuss the details of the application at its July meeting

3/ The Clerk is to pursue:

- a replacement for the Council's town centre main notice board in Tredegar Park and to ascertain a cost for the necessary civils works
- a discussion with the local Fusion Dance Group regarding a power supply to a new defibrillator box on the dance centre building

- an email to Caerphilly Council for enforcement by its attendants at the limited waiting bays in Commercial Street to allow a turnover of car parking for the local businesses
- an email to Cwm Gwyddon, Abercarn School to say that the Council were unable to offer a nomination to its Board of Governors at the present time
- an email to the Football Association of Wales giving the Town Council's congratulations to the management and team on qualifying for the World Cup Finals later this year
- a payment of £3500 to the Moriah Church charity as the Town's donation towards the running costs of the Tredegar Park Toilet block for 2022/2023

### 934 Current Projects Summary

Following the recent success of the two recent events - the 'Lighting of the Beacon' with the Twmbarlwm Society and Risca Town Council's Summer Fair - both to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, the Council will pursue a 'Bands in the Park' afternoon event in July or August. The Council were very pleased to note that at the Summer Fair, the Risca residents made a generous cash collection of £704 for the Ukraine Community Aid project. Cllr Joy Parsons is to pass the collection to the Aid representative Victor Timotin as soon as practically possible

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
	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. A water supply price quote is being sought form Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water		?
	2/ Water supply at Pontymister Gardens	The Council was disappointed at the new price quite for power supplies. Revised discussions over possible funding are ongoing with the CCBC Ward Members and Risca East for joint funding		?
	<b>Queen's Jubilee</b>	Both projects were completed successfully		
	1/ Summer Fair			9000

	2/ Twmbarlwm Beacon			500

**935 Planning Application**

Case Ref 22/0435 was noted

**936 Exclusion of press and public**

One personal item was discussed

**The meeting closed at 8.22 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**