

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

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.

A/ Apologies

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

B/ 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 contributed to the workload of the Summer Fair to make it so successful for the residents of Risca.

Moriah Church Pastor Marc Owen gave the Council a resume of his Church's management over the last year, at the Tredegar Park's Toilet Block. Despite a number of disappointing vandalism incidents, his local charity have been able to open it 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 to Council that he is in discussions with the two Caerphilly County Cllrs over possible funding towards the quote from Western Power on the Risca RBL request 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 recent Falklands War commemoration concert that was held recently at Moriah Church

C/ Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Sally and Tony Davies declared an interest in a financial assistance request that is due to be delivered to the Clerk

D/ Residents' addresses

None

E/ Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the previous Council meeting both held on Mon 16 May 2022

The meeting acknowledged and agreed both sets of 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 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

F2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

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

G/ 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

H/ Planning Application

Case Ref 22/0435 was noted

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm

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