

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 11 July 2022

Present: Cllr Ffion Green, Cllr Sally Davies, 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 also attended in person

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

937 Apologies

Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and Cllr Brian Davies

938 Presentations

Steve Veysey of Risca Royal British Legion updated the Council on the latest prices he had received for power supplies at both Memorial Gardens and a water supply at the Pontymister Memorial Gardens. Risca RBL are in discussions with the Risca County Borough Cllrs and Risca East CC seeking financial assistance towards the overall costs of the works. Steve also reported that the Pontymister Gardens had recently received a Green Flag Award with the flag raising ceremony to take place on 30 July 2022

939 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Sally Davies declared an interest in the financial assistance request from AFC Pontymister

940 Residents' addresses

None

941 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 13 June 2022

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

942 Mayor's and County Cllrs updates

There was no update from the County Cllrs Bob Owen and Ceri Wright. The Mayor reported that she recently attended the opening ceremony of the Cwmcarn Forest Drive and that she has been invited to attend a function at the Abercarn Scouts Hall. Cllr Mike Parker reported that he had recently attended at the Risca Museum when

the staff had welcomed a Miners' Association community party from Wisconsin, USA. Cllr Parker had addressed the party giving them a brief history of the mining activities of the Risca area

943 Clerk's Report

943.1 Finance Report

The Clerk's monthly account summary to date was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that the 21/22 Audit Notice of Electors Rights valid from 4 July to 29 July had been published on the Council's website. The Clerk is to process the Audit Wales return with its back up papers in early August

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

The Clerk reported that the date for the next OVW Area meeting was set for Wednesday 20 July and the date for the next TCCLC Joint meeting with the new Caerphilly County Cllr representatives was expected on Wednesday 27 July 2022

943.3 Correspondence

- 1/ The Clerk reported that the Windows Licence on the laptop recently purchased from Caerphilly CBC had expired. The Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase a new Licence
- 2/ The Council considered the financial assistance from AFC Pontymister for five First Aid packs for their senior teams and agreed for the Clerk to transfer £250 to the local football club. The Clerk reported that he had submitted the finance application forms to the Senior Citizens Hall staff and that they wished to address the Council at their 19 September meeting
- 3/ The Clerk reported that he had arranged to meet with the Fusion Dance Centre staff on Monday 18 July to discuss a possible location for a new Risca Town purchased defibrillator. Cllr Mike Parker agreed to attend the site meeting
4. The Clerk reported that he had circulated to all Cllrs a possible replacement main noticeboard for the park. The new board is an all metal design with its papers' fixing by magnets. The Clerk is to investigate the overall size and its necessary mounting details to ensure its suitability
5. The Clerk asked if all Cllrs could sign up to the new Council email domain in time for the next Council meeting on 19 September. The Clerk reported that all Town and Community Councils in Cymru/Wales had to prepare and publish a Cllrs and staff Training Programme this year

6. The Clerk reported that CCBC had asked all Town and Community Councils in its area if they had any expressions of interest for a new representative on its Standards Committee. The current representative, Cllr Gill Davies at Nelson CC must stand down this year after 10 years maximum service on the CCBC Committee. The Council had no expressions of interest and agreed to consider supporting a Cllr that is put forward by another town and community council

At 8.30pm Cllr Parker asked for the Standing Orders to be suspended for the Council to discuss the remaining items on the agenda

944 Current Projects Summary

The Council discussed the November 2022 Armistice Concert and associated projects and Steve Veysey of Risca RBL is to meet with Hazel Dupre to discuss the necessary early actions, to plan for the events. This concert is a Joint Project with Risca East Community Council. Several Cllrs said some members of the public were interested to know what the recent collection for Ukraine had been used for. The Council will ask Cllr Joy Parsons to update them on the topic at the 19 September Council meeting

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/ Water supply at Pontymister Gardens	2 x Power supplies – Risca RBL have a new price quote in Risca RBL have a new water supply price quote in from Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water (Total revised estimate - £6640) Revised discussions over possible funding are ongoing with the CCBC Ward Members and Risca East for joint funding (New flagpole estimated at £900 from Town Council)		£1500
	Bands in the Park Possible date: Sun 14 Aug	Crosskeys Silver Band		600

945 Planning Application

Case Ref: 21/0560 was noted. The Chair asked if the Clerk had been consulted on an application for multiple occupancy at an address in Commercial Street. The Clerk was not aware of this planning application and is to email County Cllr Bob Owen on the matter

946 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed:

Date:
