

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 with both in person and remote virtual availability on Monday 11 July 2022

Present: Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Mike Parker and Cllr Ffion Green

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Also in attendance was Risca RBL rep Steve Veysey. The Clerk reported that he had received no requests to join in virtually.

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

A/ Apologies

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

B/ 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

C/ Declarations of Interest

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

D/ Residents' addresses

None

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

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

F/ 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

G/ Decisions made

G1 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

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

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. 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

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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 Committee. The Council had no expressions of interest and agreed to consider supporting a Cllr that is put forward by another town and community

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

H/ 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

I/ 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

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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