

## **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 26 September 2022**

**Present: Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Ffion Green**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

Also in attendance were Ceri Wright, County Cllr Ward Member, Risca RBL rep Steve Veysey, Senior Citizens Hall rep Keith Hughes and Risca East residents Hazel Dupre and Chris Thomas. 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**

**As a mark of respect those present observed a minute's silence to honour the passing of Queen Elizabeth II**

### **947 Apologies**

Cllr Clare Evans-Powell, County Cllr Bob Owen and Police rep Lousie Jenkins. The Council noted that no apologies had been received from Cllr Brian Davies

### **948 Presentations**

Keith Hughes gave the Council a presentation for the Risca Senior Citizens Hall that had necessary exterior and a fire safety door work to be carried out and asked the Council for financial assistance. Steve Veysey of Risca Royal British Legion updated the Council on the latest request at the Pontymister Gardens for a new water supply. Steve had no updates on the electrical works requests at both Gardens. Steve and Hazel Dupre also reported that the Risca Remembrance Services and a Parade were currently being planned and are to go ahead in November

### **949 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **950 Residents' addresses**

None

### **951 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 11 July 2022**

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

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

Ceri Wright was welcomed to meet with the Town Council and she updated the Council on local planning items. The Mayor reported that together with Cllr Louise Stephens and Cllr Ffion Green she had attended at the Risca RBL's flag lowering ceremony in the Pontymister Gardens on the evening of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. She added that she also attended the local St Mary's Church service for the Queen on Sunday 18 Sep

## **953 Clerk's Report**

### **953.1 Finance Report**

The Clerk's monthly account summary to date was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that he had received no news from Audit Wales on the previous two years' Audits. The Council agreed to invite Gwyn James, Clerk at Argoed CC, to carry out the 2022/2023 half year internal audit

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

The next OVW Area virtual meeting is set for Wed 12 October and the next TCCLC meeting is planned for Wed 19 October in person at the Bedwas Offices

### **953.3 Correspondence**

The Council considered the financial assistance application from Cerebral Palsy Cymru and agreed for the Clerk to donate £300 to the charity. The Council noted they were unable to assist the Senior Citizens Hall and the Valleys Eisteddfod event this financial year but were open to further consideration for assistance next financial year

The Council had previously agreed to donate £1500 towards a new water supply for the Pontymister Gardens. Certain conditions on ownership of a water meter and a lockable tap were still to be finalised

The Clerk reminded all Cllrs to sign up to the new Council email domain

The Clerk reported that he had circulated to the Cllrs a draft Training Programme and that he had submitted the Cllrs allocations paper for 21/22 to Welsh Government prior to the deadline of 30 Sep

The Clerk reported that he had completed a September 2022 Projects Tender process and presented the outcome to the Council. The Council agreed to decide on the outcome at the next meeting on 10 October 2022

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

## 954 Current Projects Summary

The Council discussed the 2022 Summer baskets and planters project and one Cllr noted her disappointment at this year's summer baskets display

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  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)	Total Estimate £6640  Estimate £2800	£1500
	Remembrance services and parade	JOINT with Risca East CC		2000
	Festive Lanterns and Trees			5000

## 955 Planning Application

Case Ref: 21/0769 was noted. Case Ref: 22/0758 - the Clerk reported that he had already emailed a further objection to this application at the former Pontymister filling station site following urgent discussions with County Cllr Bob Owen and the Mayor

## 956 Exclusion of press and public

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed:

Date: