

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 available on request as a remote virtual meeting on Monday 10 October 2022

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

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

957 Apologies

Cllr Clare Evans-Powell, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Joy Parsons, Police Officers Oliver Petty and Louise Jenkins and County Cllrs Bob Owen and Ceri Wright. Council noted that no apologies had been received from Cllr Brian Davies

958 Presentations

None

959 Declarations of Interest

None

960 Residents' addresses

None

961 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 26 Sep 2022

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

962 Mayor's and County Cllrs updates

There were no updates from the Mayor and the County Borough Cllrs

963 Clerk's Report

963.1 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

963.2 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

963.3 Correspondence

1/ The Clerk reported that he had received no news from Audit Wales on the previous two years' Audits

2/ The Clerk reported that he had passed the Council's financial assistance forms to The Risca Salvation Army for the local Foodbank and to Risca Comprehensive

3/ The Council had previously agreed to donate £1500 for Risca RBL towards a new water supply for the Pontymister Gardens. The Council agreed that they would not take ownership of a water meter and a lockable tap for the water supply

4. The Clerk reported that he had been advised by One Voice Wales to revise the Council's draft Training Programme and that he had today published on the Council's website a revised Programme

5. Following the Clerk's September 2022/2023 Projects Tender process the Council agreed for Greenleif to be the successful contractor for both the Summer baskets/planters in 2023 and the 2022 Festive Lanterns/Tree project

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

964 Current Projects Summary

The Council discussed the coming Remembrance weekend services and parade and are looking forward to the planned events for November. The Council are also looking forward to considering their Festive Lanterns and Tree project for this Christmas period. This is following the success of the Town Council's summer fair in June of this year to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Future plans may include a Summer Fair in 2023 to celebrate the Town Council's first 10 years' anniversary

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 – Risca RBL have a new price quote in	Total Estimate £6640	

	2/ Water supply at Pontymister Gardens	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)	Estimate £2800	£1500
	Remembrance services and parade	JOINT with Risca East CC		2000
	Festive Lanterns and Tree			5000

965 Planning Application

Case Ref: 21/0694 was noted

966 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.36 pm

Signed:

Date: