

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 14 Nov 2022

Present: Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Clare Evans-Powell, Cllr Louise Stephens and Cllr Joy Parsons

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell. County Cllr Ceri Wright and resident Steve Veysey (for Risca Foodbank) were also present

The Clerk reported that he had received no requests to join in virtually.

Chair/Mayor Cllr Sally Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.40 pm

967 Apologies

Cllr Ffion Green, Police Officers Oliver Petty and Louise Jenkins and County Cllr Bob Owen

968 Presentations

Steve Veysey presented a signed finance application form on behalf of Risca Foodbank. The charity is asking for a Town Council donation of £5000 towards the purchase of a new delivery van that would be in the ownership of Risca Salvation Army and their parent charity Trussel Trust

969 Declarations of Interest

None

970 Residents' addresses

None

971 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 10 Oct 2022

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

972 Mayor's and County Cllrs updates

The Mayor, Cllr Sally Davies, reported on the success of the recent Remembrance Events in Risca and County Borough Cllr Ceri Wright updated the Council on the projects she has been dealing with

973 Clerk's Report

973.1 Finance Report

The Clerk's monthly account summary to date was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk presented a current half year budget report, his early budget proposal for 2023/2024 and a renewed 3-year business plan. He added that the budget and precept for the next financial year must be considered and decided at the December Council meeting

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

The next OVW Area meeting is set for Wed 12 January 2023. The next TCCLC Joint meeting with CCBC Councillors is set Wed 23 Nov at the CCBC Tredomen Offices

973.3 Correspondence

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

2/ The Council decided for the Clerk to ask Risca Foodbank for details of their financial accounts and those of the Trussell Trust charity to assist them in deciding on the financial assistance application

3/ The Council agreed for the Remembrance Service programmes income of £140 is to be transferred to Risca Royal British Legion to purchase Christmas gift parcels for local children

4/ The Council considered the recent National Association of Local Councils revised salary scale points list for Council Officers with the cost of living figures taken into account. The Council agreed to raise the Clerk's scale point number from point 14 to point 16 for the current financial year

974 Current Projects Summary

The Council are looking forward to their Festive Lanterns and Tree project for this Christmas period. Further consideration will be given in the spring to purchasing new Lanterns

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
	1/ A new flagpole at Darren Gardens	New flagpole estimated at £900 from Town Council – Jointly funded with Risca East CC	1500	
	2/ Water supply at Pontymister Gardens			

		Risca Town's contribution to Risca RBL for a new water supply from Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water		
	Remembrance services and parade	JOINT with Risca East CC		2000
	Festive Lanterns and Tree			5000
	Festive Windows prizes			300

975 Planning Application

Case Refs: 22/0853 and 0890 were noted

976 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Signed:

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