

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 14 Nov 2022

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

A/ Apologies

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

B/ Presentations – Steve Vesey 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

C/ Declarations of Interest - None

D/ Residents’ addresses - None

E/ 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

F/ 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

G/ Decisions made

G1 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

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

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

H/ 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

I/ Planning Application

Case Refs: 22/0853 and 0890 were noted

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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