

## **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 9 Jan 2023**

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

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

County Cllr Bob Owen and Police Officer Gareth Wilkins also attended.

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**

### **987 Apologies**

Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and County Cllr Ceri Wright

### **988 Presentations**

Police Officer Gareth Wilkins gave the Council an update on the recent policing activities in the Town. Investigating off road biking and illegal drug use locally will be continued

### **989 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **990 Residents' addresses**

None

### **991 Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 12 Dec 2022**

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

### **992 County Cllrs updates**

County Cllr Ceri Wright had submitted an emailed report on her recent Ward activities to the Clerk and County Cllr bob Owen gave the Council a verbal report on his recent activities

### **993 Clerk's Report**

#### **993.1 Finance Report**

The Clerk's monthly account summary to date was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk is to confirm with Caerphilly CBC the agreed 2023/2024 budget and precept by 31 January 2023

### 993.2 One Voice Wales/CCBC/WG/SLCC/TCCLC

The date for the spring 2023 Town and Community Councils Liaison Committee is expected to be on Tuesday 28 Feb 2023 with a venue yet to be arranged

### 993.3 Correspondence

1/ The Clerk is waiting for Risca Foodbank to provide details of their financial accounts and those of the Trussell Trust charity to assist the Council in deciding on their financial assistance application

2/ The Council agreed that they could not support the recent emailed request for funding from 'Yes Cymru' at this time

3/ The Council were pleased to learn that the recent report that CCBC were to reintroduce car parking charges in Risca was an administrative error

### 994 Current Projects Summary

The Clerk reported that he had finalised a separate account for the November 2022 Remembrance Service and Parade, to be funded jointly with Risca East CC and will contact the Risca East Clerk on this. As the Council is aware that its inherited festive lanterns from Caerphilly county borough council are at least 15 years old they will consider purchasing new lanterns early in 2023 and agreed a new project budget pledge of up to £10,000. Additional financial support will be sought from local business. To celebrate the new King's Coronation on Saturday 6 May this year, the Council will pursue another Town Spring/Summer Fair that weekend. The Clerk is to seek permission from CCBC to again use Tredegar Park, Risca for its 2023 Fair

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
A	A new flagpole at Darren Gardens	New flagpole estimated at £900 from Town Council – Jointly funded with Risca East CC		
B	Festive Windows prizes		400	300
C	Festive Lanterns and Tree for 2022			5000

D	2023 New Festive Lanterns Project			10000
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**995 Planning Application**

Case Refs. 22/0540 and 1010 were noted

**996 Exclusion of press and public**

None

**The meeting closed at 8.20 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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