

**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 with both in person and remote virtual availability 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**

**A/ Apologies** - Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and County Cllr Ceri Wright

**B/ 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 abuse locally will be continued

**C/ Declarations of Interest** - None

**D/ Residents' addresses** - None

**E/ 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

**F/** County Cllr Bob Owen updated the Council on his recent activities and concerns. He reported that the Caerphilly CBC empowerment fund was being pursued for those local concerns that had successfully applied. County Cllr Ceri Wright had submitted an email to the Clerk on her recent activities. Both Cllrs had highlighted their returned comments to Caerphilly CBC that a new 'parklet' opposite the Salvation Army Building was not required by the local businesses. The Council recognises that the recent reports from CCBC to reintroduce parking charges in Risca car parks was incorrect. The Council is aware that new, Stagecoach bus timetables for Risca had come into effect today and they will fully consider any issues raised on them with CCBC

*Risca Town Council – Early summary of Minutes of 9 January 2023 to publish electronically. A copy in Welsh will be provided upon request.*

## **G/ Decisions made**

### **G1 Finance Report**

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

### **G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

- 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

## **H/ 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. The Town Cllrs are to seek assistance from local businesses and the County Cllrs to achieve the lanterns' replacement. 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 to again use Tredegar Park, Risca for its Fair

## **I/ Planning Application**

Case Refs. 22/0540 and 1010 were noted

**The meeting closed at 8.20 pm**

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