

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 17 Apr 2023

Present: Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and Cllr Joy Parsons
Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

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

Chair/Mayor Cllr Sally Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30 pm

A/ Apologies – Cllr Ffion Green, County Cllr Ceri Wright and Cllr Bob Owen and Sgt Gareth Wilkins of Heddlu Gwent Police

B/ Presentations – None. Heddlu Gwent Police had submitted an email to the Clerk highlighting their recent activities in the Town. The main issue was the rise in anti-social behaviour incidents over the Easter holidays that were being addressed

C/ Declarations of Interest - None

D/ Residents' addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 13 Mar 2023

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

F/ County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen had submitted emails to the Clerk highlighting their recent activities and concerns in the Town

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

The Clerk's monthly account summary and 2022/2023 end of financial year account summary were agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Council

agreed for the Clerk to invite Gwyn James to carry out his 2022/2023 full year Internal Audit

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council agreed for the Clerk to formally respond to the recent Boundaries Commission consultation for the Local Government elections in 2027. The closing date for responses is 18 May 2023. The Council's agreed main points were: for Risca to no longer be split into two communities (Risca was split into two Wards called East and West in 1996), to rename its 'Ty-Isaf Fields Road' Ward to 'Ty-Isaf Fields and Ochrwyth' and that for Town and Community Councillors not to be allowed to be County Borough Councillors (this is to prevent the current position that clearly allows for a possible conflict of interest)

H/ Current Projects Summary

The Council is finalising its planning for another Town Spring Fair in Tredegar Park, Risca to celebrate the King's Coronation on Saturday 6 May this year. The Clerk is to submit a Risk Assessment form, an Event Safety Advisory Group form and a layout plan to Caerphilly county borough council

The Clerk had received a cost estimate to purchase a new flagpole for the Darren Gardens and he is awaiting a cost estimate from CCBC Parks for its erection. This project is to be jointly funded with Risca East community council

I/ Planning Application - None

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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