

## **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 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**

### **1017 Apologies**

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

### **1018 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

### **1019 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **1020 Residents' addresses**

None

### **1021 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

### **1022 County Cllrs Updates**

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

### **1013 Clerk's Report**

#### **1023.1 Finance**

*Risca Town Council – Minutes of 17 April 2023. A copy in Welsh will be provided upon request.*

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

### **1023.2 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)

### **1023.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee**

Cllr Tony Davies and the Clerk attended the Caerphilly CBC Joint meeting with Town and Community Councils on Monday 3 April. The next OVW Area meeting is set for Wed 26 April

## **1024 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

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description &amp; Comments</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Amount Pledged</b>
A	A new flagpole at Darren Gardens	New flagpole estimate of £1200 awaiting erection cost form CCBC Parks – Jointly funded with Risca East CC		

<b>B</b>	New Festive Lanterns Project for Christmas 2023	Actual cost is £14,818.80 – (additional financial assistance requested from local business)	14818e	10000
<b>C</b>	2023 summer baskets and planters	Contract is underway		7000

### 1025 Planning Applications

None

### 1026 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

**Signed:**

**Date:**