**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 12 June 2023**

**Present: Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and Cllr Ffion Green**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

County Cllrs Bob Owen and Ceri Wright, Marc Owen (Pastor at Moriah Church) and Steve Veysey (Risca RBL and Pontymister Gardens society) were also in attendance

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 –** The Clerk reported that Town Cllr Joy Parsons had resigned from the Council on Saturday 10 June with immediate effect. The Clerk reported that he had responded thanking Joy for all her work for the Town and the local community over the last few years

**B/ Presentations –** Marc Owenreported thatfollowing persistent criminal damage and antisocial behaviour in and around the Tredegar Park Toilet Block that the Moriah Charity were struggling to maintain them for public use. The Charity’s lease is with Caerphilly CBC who they will consult as the Toilet Block’s owners, to see if there any options to keep them open. The Council noted its disappointment at the news but were aware of the vandalism and graffiti that was evident in the toilet block at the Town’s recent spring fair. Steve Veysey updated the Council on the Pontymister Gardens society’s recent request to Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water for a new water supply to the Gardens. The installation costs had risen beyond the scale of the scheme and the society can no longer pursue this project as feasible. The society noted that they require further financial assistance to maintain the Gardens

# C/ Declarations of Interest - None

**D/ Residents’ addresses -** None

**E/ Minutes of the AGM and the previous Council meetings held on Mon 15 May 2023**

The meeting agreed both sets of minutes that were duly signed as true and correct records

**F/** **County Members** - County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen reported on their recent activities and concerns in the Town

**G/ Decisions made**

**G1 Finance Report**

The Clerk’s monthly account summary and was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk presented the 2022/2023 Internal Audit report and Audit Return form to the Council. The Council agreed the Audit Return and the Chair duly signed the form for the Clerk to submit to Audit Wales by 8 July 2023

**G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Council agreed for the Pontymister Gardens society to return the original donation of £1500 for a water supply and for the Clerk to send out its financial assistance forms for the society to complete. The Clerk is to write a letter to Barclays Bank to stress the Council’s disappointment at the news that the Risca Branch is to close in the summer of 2024

**H/ Current Projects Summary**

The Clerk reported that he is still awaiting a cost estimate from CCBC Parks for the erection of a new flagpole in the Darren Remembrance Gardens. This project is to be jointly funded with Risca East community council. The Council is next looking forward to holding its ‘Bands in the Park’ event (after 3 years of the health crisis) with Crosskeys Silver Band playing in the afternoon of Sunday 23 July in Tredegar Park; Risca. The Clerk is awaiting permission from CCBC Parks to finalise the event details

**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**