

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 to the Clerk as a remote virtual meeting on Monday 10 July 2023

Present: Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies and Cllr Ffion Green

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen and David Llewellyn of Aneurin Bevan Board 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 6.37pm

1047 Apologies

Cllr Louise Stephens and Cllr Clare Evans-Powell

1048 Presentations

David Llewellyn presented a Greater Gwent Wellbeing action plan introduction for the Risca area to the Council. The Chair thanked Devid for his excellent presentation and looked forward to working with him as the plan progresses

1049 Declarations of Interest

None

1050 Residents' addresses

None

1051 Minutes of the Council meeting held on Mon 12 June 2023

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

1052 County Cllrs Updates

County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen reported on their recent activities and concerns in the town

1053 Clerk's Report

1053.1 Finance

The Clerk's monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that he had submitted the Council's 2022/2023 Audit Return to Audit Wales. The Clerk also reported that today he had banked the return cheque for £1500 from the Pontymister Gardens Society

1053.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council is to work with the County Borough Members to lobby Barclays Bank to keep the Risca Branch open. The Council agreed to donate £200 to the SARA charity's Lifeboat Appeal (Severn Area Rescue Association). The Council agreed for the Clerk to pursue a replacement large Notice Board for Tredegar Park, Risca and a new defibrillator with an external box for the Ochryth area of the Town. The Council agreed to pursue a secure location for the storage its new Festive Lanterns

1053.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The next Joint meeting with CCBC Cllrs is set for Mon 24 July. The next OVW Area meeting is set for Wed 19 July

1054 Current Projects Summary

At 8.30pm the Chair asked for Standing Orders to be suspended in order for the Council to discuss the remaining items on the Agenda. 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 looking forward to its planned 'Bands in the Park' event with Crosskeys Silver Band playing in the afternoon of Sunday 23 July in Tredegar Park; Risca

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
A	A new flagpole at Darren Gardens	New flagpole estimate of £1300 awaiting erection cost from CCBC Parks – Jointly funded with Risca East CC		

B	2023 summer baskets and planters	Contract is underway		7000
C	Bands in the Park	Sunday 23 July		600

1055 Planning Applications

Case Refs. 23/0360 and 23/0387 were both noted. The Clerk reported that he had submitted a further objection on behalf of Risca Town Council to Caerphilly county borough council on the most recent/amended application Case Ref' 23/0110/FULL for Costa Coffee with vehicular access at the Land at Islwyn Workshops Pontymister Industrial Estate UPRN 000043076601

1056 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed:

Date: