

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 10 July 2023

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

County Cllrs Bob Owen and Ceri Wright 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 6.37 pm

A/ Apologies – Cllr Louise Stephens and Cllr Clare Evans-Powell

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

C/ Declarations of Interest - None

D/ Residents’ addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 12 June 2023

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

F/ County Members – County Cllrs Owen and Wright updated the Council on their recent activities and concerns in the Town

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

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

G2 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

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 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

I/ 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

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

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