

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 11 Sep 2023

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

C Jason Harris, Heddlu Gwent Police was 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 6.34pm

1057 Apologies

Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen

1058 Presentations

PC Jason Harris updated the Council on the recent crime data for the Risca Town area with reported incidents less than those of last summer

1059 Declarations of Interest

None

1060 Residents' addresses

None

1061 Minutes of the Council meeting held on Mon 10 July 2023

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

1062 County Cllrs Updates

The Clerk reported that County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen were unavailable. He is to email them both on their current issues, recent activities and concerns in the town

1063 Clerk's Report

1063.1 Finance

The Clerk's monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that he had received notification from Caerphilly county borough council that they had recently paid the second precept amount to the Council's main account. The Clerk is to top up the Elections/Reserves account with £794 for 2023/2024 from the main account. He added that he had no news from Audit Wales on the Council's 2022/2023 Audit Return

1063.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council agreed to donate £200 to Cerebral Palsy Cymru/Wales and £500 to the Pontymister Gardens society towards the annual maintenance costs of the gardens

1063.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The next TCCLC Committee is set for Tues 17 Oct and the next Joint meeting with CCBC Cllrs is set for Mon 20 Nov. The next OVW Area meeting is set for Wed 4 Oct

1064 Current Projects Summary

The Chair reported that she is pleased that this year's summer basket and planters project has been well received by the community. The Clerk 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 agreed that its planned 'Bands in the Park' event with Crosskeys Silver Band is to be postponed to next summer. The Council is looking forward to the Remembrance Services in November, this December's Festive Lanterns project and to its Christmas Tree lighting event

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	Postponed to 2024		600

1065 Planning Applications

Case Refs. 23/0568, 0465, 0405 were noted. 23/0443 for the former Rolling Mill site – the Council noted they were disappointed that an additional residence had recently been added in place of a garage that was not in the planning consent. The Clerk is to report this to CCBC

1066 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Signed:

Date: