

## **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 9 Oct 2023**

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

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

PC Jason Harris and PC Megan Lohfink of Heddlu Gwent Police and Ponytmister resident Michael Weddeiren, 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 6.32 pm**

### **1067 Apologies**

Cllr Ffion Green and County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen

### **1068 Presentations**

PC Jason Harris gave the Council an update on the Police activities and crime data in the Town ward. He noted that crime report figures were down on the recent summer months

### **1069 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Louise Stephens and Clare Evans-Powell declared an interest in the planning application 23/0345

### **1070 Residents' addresses**

None

### **1071 Minutes of the Council meeting held on Mon 13 Sep 2023**

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

### **1072 County Cllrs Updates**

The Clerk reported that County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen were unavailable. He added that they had emailed him with the County Cllrs recent activities and concerns in the Town

## **1073 Clerk's Report**

### **1073.1 Finance**

The Clerk's monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that he had published the Audit Wales Notice for the 22/23 Conclusion of Audit over the last 4 weeks. He added that he has been finalising the 23/24 accounts for the half year Internal Audit. The Council agreed for him to ask Gwyn James to carry out the Internal Audit

### **1073.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Clerk reported that following his receipt of a written application for the Member vacancy by co-option for the Fields Park Ward, the Council had agreed to interview the applicant, local resident Michael Weddeiren. The application was duly supported and the Clerk is to write to Caerphilly county borough Council nominating Michael for co-option to Risca Town Council. The Clerk reported that day he had received a financial application from Air Ambulance Wales and they decided to consider this at their November meeting. The Clerk reported that CCBC had arranged a Risca Town Centre Management Group meeting for 19 October at St Margaret's Church, Risca

### **1073.3 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 1 Nov

## **1074 Current Projects Summary**

The Clerk had received a cost estimate from CCBC Parks for the erection of a new flagpole in the Darren Remembrance Gardens. He reported that he had commenced the project by ordering a new flagpole for delivery to CCBC's Abercarn Depot. This project is to be jointly funded with Risca East community council. The Council noted that progress had been made on the plans for the Remembrance Services in November, this December's Festive Lanterns project and to its Christmas Tree lighting event in Tredegar Park, Risca

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Description &amp; Comments</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Amount Pledged</b>
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<b>A</b>	A new flagpole at Darren Gardens	New flagpole estimate of £1300 with erection cost by CCBC Parks – Jointly funded with Risca East CC		1300
<b>B</b>	2023 summer baskets and planters	Contract is underway		7000
<b>C</b>	Bands in the Park	Postponed to 2024		600
	Festive lanterns			4000
	Christmas Tree switch on event			8000

### 1075 Planning Applications

Case Ref. 23/0345 was noted

### 1076 Exclusion of press and public

None

**The meeting closed at 8.10 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**