

## **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 13 Nov 2023**

**Present: Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Ffion Green and Cllr Mike Wedderein**

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

PC Louise Jenkins and PCO Scott Morgan-Evans of Heddlu Gwent Police were also in attendance

The Clerk reported that he had received no requests to join virtually

### **1077 Apologies**

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

### **1078 Presentations**

PC Jenkins gave the Council an update on the Police activities and crime data in the Town ward. She noted that recent reports of antisocial behaviour by children and youths in the Town were being pursued

### **1079 Declarations of Interest**

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

### **1080 Residents' addresses**

None

### **1081 Minutes of the Council meeting held on Mon 9 Oct 2023**

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

**1082 Mayor and County Members updates** – Chair Cllr Sally Davies welcomed Michael Wedderein as a co-opted Member to the Council for the Ty Isaf Fields Ward. The Clerk reported that the County Members had been unavailable recently and were due to report to the December meeting

### **1083 Clerk's Report**

### 1083.1 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

### 1078.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Clerk's monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk offered his Budget report for 2024/2025 for the Council to consider in time for the December meeting. The budget report had been increased to allow for inflation and a commencing figure for the recent request for 'Twinning' with the Elegny community of Paris

### 1083.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The next TCCLC Joint meeting with CCBC Cllrs is set for Mon 20 Nov

### 1084 Current Projects Summary

The Chair reported that the new flagpole had been erected by CCBC at the Darren Remembrance Gardens in time for the Remembrance weekend events. She added that the Remembrance Service at Moriah Church was very well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by the residents. These projects are to be jointly funded with Risca East community council. The Clerk was asked to write to both the Risca Royal British Legion and the Risca 'Yarn Bombers' group for their excellent work over the Remembrance weekend. The Council noted that progress had been made for its 2023 Festive Lanterns project and to its Christmas Tree lighting event in Tredegar Park, Risca set for Saturday 25 November

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
A	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

At 8.29 pm Cllr Mike Parker asked for Standing Orders to be suspended for the Council to consider the last item on the Agenda. Council agreed

### **1085 Planning Applications**

Case Refs: 23/0714 and 23/0737 were noted

### **1086 Exclusion of press and public**

None

**The meeting closed at 8.32 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**