

In line with the Welsh Government’s ‘Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021’ requirement for all 730 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 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

Chair/Mayor Cllr Sally Davies chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.37 pm

A/ Apologies –Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and County Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen

B/ 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

C/ Declarations of Interest - None

D/ Residents’ addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 9 Oct 2023

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

F/ Mayor and County Members – 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

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

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

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Clerk reported that there had been interest from residents for the Member vacancy by co-option for the Fernlea Ward and the Council agreed to consider these in January. The Clerk reported on two financial applications from Air Ambulance Wales and Risca United FC. The Council decided to consider these in January and after the Town's Festive projects were completed. The Clerk and Cllr Mike Parker reported on the recent CCBC's Risca Town Centre Management Group meeting at St Margaret's Church, Risca. The Group are proposing to environmentally enhance the grassed area at the Mill Street roundabout as the southern gateway to the Town. The proposal included removing the brick paths to the former toilet block, moving the large planters and the Town Council's 4-tier planter nearer to Tredegar Park, provide new wild flower beds and a new path across the grassed area. The Council were happy with the Group's proposal

H/ 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

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

I/ Planning Applications – 23/0714 and 23/0737 were noted

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm

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