

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 8 Jan 2024

**Present: Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens, Cllr Ffion Green, Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and Cllr Mike Wedderien
Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

CSO Megan Lohfink of Heddlu Gwent Police and County Cllr Bob Owen 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 6.30 pm

1097 Apologies

County Cllr Ceri Wright

1098 Presentations

CSO Megan Lohfink gave the Council an update on the Police activities and crime data in the Town ward. Reports of antisocial behaviour by children and youths were being investigated

1099 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Lousie Stephens declared an interest in a planning application for Castle Farm, Ochrwyth

1100 Residents' addresses

None

1101 Minutes of the Council meeting held on Mon 11 Dec 2023

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

1102 County Members updates

County Cllr Bob Owen gave the Council an update on the local issues he has been dealing. County Cllr Ceri Wright had emailed the Clerk and the Mayor with a summary of her local issues

1103 Clerk's Report

1103.1 Finance

The Clerk's monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Council ratified the previously agreed budget report and precept for 2024/2025 at £63,500, meaning an increase in the Band D annual council charge from £29 per year to £34.80 per household

1103.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council agreed for the Clerk to send out the finance application forms to three recently received financial application requests

1103.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The next OVW Area meeting is set for Wed 17 Jan 2024 and the next TCCLC meeting is expected on Tues 27 Feb 2024

1104 Current Projects Summary

Following the success of the Council's Festive events including the Christmas Tree lighting event in Tredegar Park, Risca on Sat 25 Nov 2023, the Council agreed to hold a similar Festive event on Sat 23 Nov 2024. The Mayor had written with thanks to those businesses that contributed to the costs of the Festive projects

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
A	A new flagpole at Darren Gardens	Estimate of £1300 awaiting an erection cost by CCBC Parks – Jointly funded with Risca East CC	828 to date	1300
B	Festive lanterns project	35 new lanterns erected		4000
C	a/ Christmas Tree switch on event and b/ new Christmas Tree lights			9000 1600
D	Festive Windows Comp			300

1105 Planning Application

Case Refs: 23/0872, 23/0861 and 24/0008 were all noted

1106 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed:

Date:
