

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 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

A/ Apologies – County Cllr Ceri Wright

B/ Presentations – CSO 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

C/ Declarations of Interest – Cllr Lousie Stephens declared an interest in a planning application for Castle Farm, Ochryth

D/ Residents’ addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 11 Dec 2023

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

F/ Mayor and County Members – County Cllrs 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

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

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

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

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

H/ 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

I/ Planning Applications – the Castle Farm, Navigation Road and The Poplars planning applications were all noted

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

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