

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 19 Feb 2024

Present: Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Tony Davies and Cllr Ffion Green

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

CSO Louise Jenkins of Heddlu Gwent Police, Steve Veysey of Risca Royal British Legion and County Cllrs Ceri Wright and 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 6.32 pm

1107 Apologies

Cllr Mike Wedderien, Cllr Louise Stephens and Cllr Clare Evans-Powell

1108 Presentations

CSO Jenkins gave the Council an update on the Police activities. No crime data had been reported over the last month in the Town ward. Reports of antisocial behaviour were under investigation. Steve Veysey gave the Council an update on the Risca RBL plans for 2024. The D Day 80 years’ commemoration is on 6 June. Risca RBL are arranging a D Day remembrance concert at Moriah Church for Friday 7 June and plans for the Armistice Remembrance weekend in November will begin soon

1109 Declarations of Interest

None

1110 Residents’ addresses

None

1111 Minutes of the Council meeting held on Mon 8 Jan 2024

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

1112 County Members updates

County Cllrs Bob Owen and Ceri Wright gave the Council an update on the local issues they had been dealing with. The Council noted that Caerphilly county borough council's planned event for a food festival in Tredegar Park, Risca in September, will not contain alcohol sales

1113 Clerk's Report

1113.1 Finance

The Clerk's monthly account summary was agreed

1113.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Clerk reported that he had seen the Council's community notice board placed on the outside of the Well Pharmacy in the Town was in a poor state and the Council agreed for its local contractor to remove it. The Council agreed for the Clerk to seek a date for a public consultation evening in March or April at the Senior Citizens' Hall. The Clerk reported on the plans in the Town for a banking hub and the organisers asked to attend a future Council meeting. The Clerk is to invite them to the 11 March meeting

1113.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The next TCCLC meeting is set for Tues 27 Feb 2024 and the Joint meeting with CCBC Cllrs and Officers is set for Mon 15 April 2024

1114 Current Projects Summary

At 8.30 pm Cllr Mike Parker asked for Standing Orders to be suspended for the last agenda items to be discussed. The Council is aware that CCBC had recently begun its plan to enhance the grassed area near Mill Street roundabout and to relocate the Town's planters nearer the park. The Council will commence its plans for its summer projects of flower baskets and planters and seek a date for a Bands in the Park event with Crosskeys Silver Band

Project No.	Project Name	Description & Comments	Amount Paid	Amount Pledged
A	New flagpole at Darren Gardens	Estimate of £1300 awaiting an erection cost by CCBC Parks	828 to date	1300

		Jointly funded with Risca East CC		
B	2023 Festive lanterns project	new lanterns erected	848 2784	4000
C	2024 Christmas Tree switch on event and new Christmas Tree lights	Entertainment deposit	88	10000

1115 Planning Application

None

1116 Exclusion of press and public

None

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Signed:

Date: