

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 May 2024

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

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

Chair/Mayor Cllr Mike Parker chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.20 pm

A/ Apologies – none

B/ Presentations – None

C/ Declarations of Interest – None

D/ Residents’ addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on Mon 15 Apr 2024

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

F/ County Members – Cllrs Ceri Wright and Bob Owen updated the Council on the local issues they are dealing with. They noted that the Boundary Commission had published their report that included the proposal for Risca Town and Risca East to be rejoined into one Community Council. The Council are very pleased with the report’s recommendation for Risca to be reunited as one Community after being split into two Wards in 1996 and into two communities in 2012. The County Members also reported that Welsh Government had opened its consultation to review its new 20 mph default speed limit across Wales

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

The Clerk's monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Council agreed for the Clerk to return an amount of a third of the previous transfer between its main account and the Elections/Reserves amount at Monmouthshire Building Society and they will consider further amounts later in the financial year

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council noted that the Clerk had rearranged the booking of the Senior Citizens' Hall for a public consultation evening on Monday 20 May. The Council decided to consider the expressions of interest in the Fernlea Member's vacancy after the June meeting. The Council considered the financial assistance request from Risca United AFC and decided for the Clerk to get clarification on the particular item for which they are seeking assistance

H/ Current Projects Summary

The Council are looking forward to its planned date of Sunday 21 July for a Bands in the Park event with Crosskeys Silver Band, 3 pm to 5pm in Tredegar Park, Risca. The summer flower baskets and planters project for the Town is underway. The Chair reported on his recent meeting with the Joint Remembrance sub-committee (with Risca East Cllrs and Risca Royal British Legion) that Risca Male Choir intends to request a fee of £250 for its future attendance at community events to include the Remembrance Service at Moriah Church in 2025. The current Joint donation is £100 for 2024. The Council decided to review this report update in the next financial year

I/ Planning Applications – None

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

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