

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 10 June 2024

Present: Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Ffion Green, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Tony Davies, Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and Cllr Mike Wedderien

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell and County Cllr Ceri Wright

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

Chair/Mayor Cllr Mike Parker chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.40 pm

A/ Apologies – Cllr Louise Stephens and County Cllr Bob Owen

B/ Presentations – None

C/ Declarations of Interest – None

D/ Residents’ addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the previous AGM and the Council meetings both held on 13 May 2024

Both sets of minutes were agreed and signed as true records

F/ County Members – County Cllr Ceri Wright updated the Council on her concerns and issues in the Town to include; working with Caerphilly County Borough Council Parks Officers to repair damaged benches in Tredegar Park, an update on CCBC’ Waste Strategy Report, complaints of speeding on the new one way system at Church Road, the former Gas Works site car park is to be opened very soon and recent vandalism at the Tany-y-Bryn new development site

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk presented the Audit Wales 2023/2024 Audit Return form

together with the full year's Internal Audit report. The Council agreed the Return that was duly signed by the Clerk and the Mayor

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Clerk is to contact CCBC Education to ask Governor Jenny Rogers for an update report on Cwm Gwyddon School. The Clerk presented a revised list for Members representation on outside bodies with Cllr Clare Evans-Powell being the Ty Isaf Infants School representative for the Council. The Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase two First Aid packs to be donated to the Pontymister Bowls Club for use in the community. The Council also considered applications for finance from Risca United and the Risca Senior Citizens Hall but both requests were fully considered as not suitable for donating public money on this occasion. The Council considered the expressions of interest in the Fernlea Member's vacancy but decided to defer any decision to the July meeting

H/ Current Projects Summary

The Chair reported that the Council's summer flower baskets and planters project for the Town is due to be in place in mid June. The Council agreed for the Chair and the nominated local contractor to relocate the stored Festive lanterns to a lock up at Park Road in August. The Council is looking forward to holding its Bands in the Park event with Crosskeys Silver Band on Sunday 21 July

I/ Planning Application – Case Ref. 24/0355 was noted

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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