**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 9 Sep 2024**

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

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

Heddlu Gwent Police Officers Lewis Burley and Jason Dykes were also in attendance

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

**Chair/Mayor Cllr Mike Parker chaired the meeting that commenced at 6.30 pm**

**1167 Apologies -** Cllr Clare Evans-Powell**,** Cllr Louise Stephens and County Cllrs Bob Owenand Ceri Wright

**1168 Presentations** - The local Police Officers gave the Council a summary of their activities through August

# 1169 Declarations of Interest - None

**1170 Residents’ addresses -** None

**1171 Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 8 July 2024**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

**1172 County Members** **updates –** no updates

**1173 Clerk’s Report**

**1173.1 Finance**

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that he had submitted the 2023/2024 Audit Return to Audit Wales at their Cardiff Offices on 19 August and he had been in email contact with their nominated Auditor to confirm the main bank account statements. The Clerk is awaiting the Audit outcome

**1173.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Council are aware that Caerphilly county borough council are to hold their Risca Food Festival in the Town on Saturday 14th September

**1173.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee**

The TCCLC meeting is set for Tuesday 15 October 2024 at the Maesycwmmer OAP Hall. The next OVW Area meeting is set for Wednesday 23 October 2024

**1174 Current Projects Summary**

The Chair reported that the Council’s Bands in the Park event in Tredegar Park, Risca with the Crosskeys Silver Band on Sunday 21 July, was very successful with over 150 residents attending to enjoy the sunshine and the music. The Chair reported that the move to a new storage facility for the Town Council’s Festive Lanterns had been successful. The Council is looking forward to its Winter Fair project set for Saturday 23 November 2024

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| **Project No.** |  |  |  |  |
| **A** | Summer flower baskets and planters | Set out in the Town from mid June to mid September |  | 8000 |
| **B** | 2024 Festive lanterns project | Erect for illumination 40 lanterns on street plus in the park plus energy) |  |  |
| **C** | 2024 additional lanterns | 6 new lanterns to be purchased plus a large lantern for use near the tree in the park plus fittings |  | 11000 |
| **D** | 2024 Winter Fair/Christmas Tree switch on event and new Christmas Tree lights | Entertainment deposit paid | 88 | 10000 |
| **E** | New PA system | for use at outside events |  | 3000 |
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**1175 Planning Applications -** 24/0298 and 24/0630 in relation to the new ‘Hub’ at 52/53 Tredegar Street were noted

**1176 Exclusion of press and public** – One exempt item was considered by the Council on the informal interviews for the Fernlea Ward Member’s vacancy held in late July with two expressions of interest. A decision was made and the Council asked the Clerk to contact both applicants with the outcome

**The meeting closed at 8.20 pm**

**Signed: Date:**