

## **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 14 Oct 2024**

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

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

Heddlu Gwent Police Officers Jason Harris and Megan Lohfink, South Wales Police representative Gerry Macklin, County Cllr Ceri Wright and Risca Royal British Legion Secretary Steve Veysey 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**

**1177 Apologies** - Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and County Cllr Bob Owen

**1178 Presentations** - The local Police Officers gave the Council a summary of their activities through September - reports to the Police were very few. The South Wales Police representative updated the Council on the progress through Central Government on a new Anti-terrorism law to be taken on board by all event organisers. The new law is expected to be finalised in mid 2025

**1179 Declarations of Interest** - None

**1180 Residents’ addresses** - None

**1181 Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 9 Sep 2024**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

**1182 County Members updates** – County Cllr Ceri Wright updated the Council on her local issues. The re-opening of the car park off Commercial Steet has been delayed as the County Council investigate an area near the Ebbw River

**1183 Clerk’s Report**

### **1183.1 Finance**

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported the recent outcome of the 2023/2024 Audit Return from Audit Wales. He was disappointed that Audit Wales had noted two slight discrepancies in accounting totals between the Internal Audit report and the submitted accounting spreadsheet plus some minor recommendations for the next Audit submission. The Clerk is to commence the 24/25 half year audit with the nominated Internal Auditor asap

### 1183.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council agreed to make a donation to Risca United FC to contribute to their new CCTV facility for future security once the club submits the invoice

At 8.26 pm Cllr Sally Davies asked to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the final items on the agenda

### 1183.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The TCCLC meeting is set for Tuesday 15 October 2024 at the Maesycwmmmer OAP Hall. The OVW Area autumn meeting was held on Wednesday 3 October 2024

### 1184 Current Projects Summary

The Chair and the Risca RBL representative reported that the Town's coming Remembrance weekend events were being finalised. The Chair reported that the Town's summer baskets project had been very successful this year and was being concluded this week. He is looking forward to the Council's 2024 Festive Lanterns project with 41 lanterns being displayed along Commercial Street and Tredegar Street plus the Council's Winter Fair project set for Saturday 23 November 2024

Project				
A	Summer flower baskets and planters	Set out in the Town from mid June to mid September		8000
B	2024 Festive lanterns project	Erection of 41 lanterns on street plus one in the park (plus energy)		5000
C	2024 additional lanterns	6 new lanterns to be purchased plus a large lantern for use near the tree in the park plus fittings	5762 3745 1029 330	11000
D	2024 Winter Fair/Christmas Tree switch on event and new Christmas Tree lights	Entertainment deposit paid	88	11000
E	New PA system	for use at outside events		3000

**1185 Planning Applications - 24/0693** was noted

**1186 Exclusion of press and public** – One exempt item was considered by the Council on the recent offer to a resident for the Fernlea Ward Member’s vacancy. The Council is awaiting a response

**The meeting closed at 8.35 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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