

**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 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**

**A/ Apologies – Cllr Clare Evans-Powell and County Cllr Bob Owen**

**B/ 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

**C/ Declarations of Interest – None**

**D/ Residents’ addresses - None**

**E/ Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 9 September 2024**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

**F/ County Members –** 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

**G/ Decisions made**

**G1 Finance Report**

*Risca Town Council – Early summary of Minutes of 14 October 2024 to publish electronically. A copy in Welsh will be provided upon request.*

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

## **G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Council agreed to make donation to Risca United FC to contribute to their new CCTV facility for future security once the club submit the invoice. At 8.26 pm Cllr Sally Davies asked to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the final items on the agenda. 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

## **H/ 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

## **I/ Planning Applications – 24/0693 was noted**

**The meeting closed at 8.35 pm**

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