

## **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 Dec 2024**

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

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

Steve Veysey and Bernice Reeks of Risca Royal British Legion 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**

**1197 Apologies** - Cllr Clare Evans-Powell, Cllr Ffion Green and County Cllr Bob Owen

**1198 Presentations** - Steve Veysey and Bernice Reeks of Risca Royal British Legion updated the Council on the UK plans for VE Day in May 2025

**1199 Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Mike Wedderien declared an interest in the application for financial assistance from the Risca Volunteers Group. The Council agreed for him to take part in the discussion but he was not allowed to vote

**1200 Residents’ addresses** - None

**1201 Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 11 November 2024**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

**1202 County Members updates – None - Mayor’s update –** The Mayor reported on the recent success of the Town Council’s Winter Fair (postponed to Sat 30 November due to the Storm Bert) and Festive Lanterns projects and thanked all those who organised, helped and took part in them. The Mayor added his regret at the storms’ flooding and damage to properties in the Town

**1203 Clerk’s Report**

### **1203.1 Finance**

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk re-presented a budget and precept report for 2025/26 for the Council to consider and decide upon. The Mayor suggested that to further improve upon this year’s Winter Fair in 2025 an increase in the budget and precept was needed. The Council agreed a budget of £69,500 with a Band D household precept charge of £38 per year

### 1203.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

Following the recent storms and flooding in Risca Town, the Town Council raised the following question/request for CCBC : “Can CCBC provide us with details of when and how many times they cleaned the Town Centre drains over the last 3 years, please? The Town Council are aware that the Risca public are asking this same query

The Council agreed to make a donation of £200 to Llamau for Christmas Gifts. The Clerk is to advise Stephen Lyons from Blackvein Miners Society that his application will be considered in the spring when the Council’s remaining funds are clear. The Clerk is to respond to the Risca Volunteers Group to say the Council is unable to contribute to its request for funding this year. The Clerk will also respond to Risca Male Choir turning down its request for an attendance fee of £250 for future community events. Cllr Mike Wedderien reported that the new Banking Hub were considering installing a cashpoint machine at the hub’s building

### 1203.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The TCCLC Joint meeting with CCBC is set for Monday 18 November 2024 at the CCBC at the Ty Penallta Offices, Tredomen. The OVW Area winter meeting is due in January 2025

### 1204 Current Projects Summary

The Chair reported on the thanks he had received from residents on the success of the Town Council’s Festive projects

| Project |   |   |                             |       |
|---------|---|---|-----------------------------|-------|
| A       | 2024 Festive lanterns project   | Erection of 41 lanterns on street plus one in the park (plus energy)                                |                             | 5000  |
| B       | 2024 additional lanterns  | 6 new lanterns to be purchased plus a large lantern for use near the tree in the park plus fittings | 5762<br>3745<br>1029<br>330 | 11000 |
| C       | 2024 Winter Fair/Christmas Tree switch on event and new Christmas Tree lights | Overall estimated cost at 13 Dec 2024   | 13000                       | 11000 |
| D       | New PA system   | for use at outside events   |                             | 3000  |

### 1205 Planning Applications - None

**1206 Exclusion of press and public – None**

**The meeting closed at 8.00 pm**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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