

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 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

A/ Apologies – Cllr Clare Evans-Powell, Cllr Ffion Green and County Cllr Bob Owen

B/ Presentations – Steve Veysey and Bernice Reeks of Risca Royal Legion updated the Council on the UK plans for VE Day in May 2025

C/ 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

D/ Residents' addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the previous Council meeting held on 11 November 2024

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

F/ County Members – 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

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

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

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

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

H/ Current Projects Summary

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

I/ Planning Applications – None

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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