

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 13 Jan 2025

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 representatives Sgt Liam Brown, PC Lewis Burley and CSO Megan Stevens were also in attendance for their presentation’s agenda item.

County Cllr Ceri Wright was 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

1207 Apologies - Cllr Clare Evans-Powell (the Council fully accepted Cllr Evans-Powell’s apology). County Cllr Bob Owen also sent his apology

1208 Presentations - SThe local Police reported on their recent duties in the Town that showed only a few anti-social incidents that were being attended to. The Chair thanked the Police representatives for their attendance and update. The Clerk read out an email from Steve Veysey of Risca Royal Legion that updated the Council on the UK plans for VE Day in May 2025. Risca RBL are considering arranging to light a beacon at Twmbarlwm. The Clerk is to ask Risca RBL for more event details for this commemoration and for their plans for VJ Day in the summer

1209 Declarations of Interest - None

1210 Residents’ addresses - None

1211 Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 9 December 2024

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

1212 County Members updates – Cllr Ceri Wright updated the Council on her recent activities. The recent storms and flooding were discussed at length. The Council asked for details on any CCBC plans to update the Town’s drainage system from Grove Road to Mill Street. Cllr Bob Owen had emailed the Clerk with a summary of his recent activities in the Town

1213 Clerk’s Report

1213.1 Finance

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Council confirmed a budget of £69,500 with a Band D household

precept charge of £38 per year 2025/26 as decided upon at the December 2024 meeting

1213.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Clerk is to respond to the Risca Choir on their request to submit a charge for future community events in Risca. The Clerk reported on a recent CCBC Notice to propose double yellow lines at the bend in Dan-y-Graig Road. The Council supported the proposal

1213.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The TCCLC special 25/26 Budget meeting with CCBC is set for Monday 27 January 2025 at the Penallta Offices, Tredomen and the next TCCLC Committee meeting is set for Tuesday 18 March 2025. The OVW Area winter meeting online is set for Wednesday 15 January 2025

1214 Current Projects Summary

The Clerk submitted a Projects List for 2025 and the Council agreed to consider any additions or changes over the next Council meetings

Project				
A	2024 Festive lanterns project	Erection of 41 lanterns on street plus one in the park (plus energy)		5000
B	New PA system	for use at outside events		3000
C				
D				

1215 Planning Application - Case Ref 24/0923 was noted

1216 Exclusion of press and public – None

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed:

Date: