

## **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 April 2025**

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

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

Heddlu Gwent Police Officers Jason Harris and Louise Jenkins, Risca Royal British Legion Secretary Bernice Reeks and Caitlyn Allen of Cancer Research UK (Risca Branch) 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 6.35 pm**

**1237 Apologies** - Cllr Ffion Green and Cllr Louise Stephens

**1238 Presentations** - The local Police Officers gave the Council a summary of their recent activities in the Town and reported crime incidents over the last month have been negligible. Caitlyn Allen outlined for the Council her plan to hold a 'Big Cinema' outside event in the Town this summer or next summer if a suitable venue could be found. This is to raise funds for her charity. Caitlyn asked if the Council could fund the hire of the cinema equipment at a cost of £1100. The Council agreed in principle to support the charity event depending upon the submitted event planning details. Bernice Reeks outlined the Risca RBL's plans for VE Day and suggested the Council contribute to an outside event in the Town on 15 August to commemorate VJ Day. The Council will await the submitted event planning details to give this request further consideration

**1239 Declarations of Interest** - None

**1240 Residents' addresses** - None

**1241 Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 10 March 2025**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

**1242 County Members updates** – None. **Mayor's announcement** – The Mayor reported that he had been invited to open the Crafty Legs Craft Fair in Tredegar Park last Saturday morning

**1243 Clerk's Report**

**1243.1 Finance**

The Clerk's monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Council agreed for Gwyn James to carry out the 2024/2025 Full year internal audit

### **1243.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Council noted that the 3 April Caerphilly county borough council Town Centre Management meeting was well supported by local businesses. The Council agreed for the Clerk to submit a motion to One Voice Wales for their AGM on 1 October 2025 asking them to review their Area Committee boundaries. Risca is currently within their Merthyr, Caerphilly and eastern part of Rhondda Cynon Taff council areas. The councillors feel that Risca Town Council ought to be part of the Greater Gwent council area

### **1243.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee**

The next One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting is set for Wednesday 16 April via remote access. The next TCCLC Joint meeting with CCBC is set for Monday 28 April

## **1244 Current Projects Summary**

The Council agreed the dates for its Bands in the Park event on Sunday 20 July and its Winter Fair on Saturday 29 November. The Clerk is to contact CCBC for permission to use Tredegar Park, Risca for both Town Council events

<b>Project</b>				
<b>A</b>	New PA system	for use at outside events		3000
<b>B</b>	VE Day and VJ Day in May and June this year	To contribute to the planning of both events by Risca Royal British Legion		1600
<b>C</b>	Bands in the Park	Sunday 20 July with Crosskeys Silver Band		700
<b>D</b>				

**1245 Planning Applications** - Case Ref. 25/0166 – CCBC have invited the Council to attend a site meeting (date to be confirmed by CCBC). Case Ref. 25/0184 was noted

**1246 Exclusion of press and public** – None

**The meeting closed at 8.25 pm**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_