

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 12 May 2025

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Heddlu Gwent Police Officers Jason Harris, Louise Jenkins, Stacy Parsons and Anthony Edwards 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

1247 Apologies - County Cllr Bob Owen

1248 Presentations - The local police Officers gave the Council a summary of their recent activities in the Town

1249 Declarations of Interest - Cllr Mike Wedderien declared an interest in a financial assistance request from the Risca Volunteers charity. Cllrs Sally and Tony Davies declared an interest in the planning application Ref, 25/0242 for 88 Commercial Street, Risca

1250 Residents’ addresses - None

1251 Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 14 April 2025

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

1252 County Members updates – None

1253 Clerk’s Report

1253.1 Finance

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that the Council laptop had failed over the weekend and they agreed for the Clerk to book it in for analysis and repair

1253.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council considered a few recently raised complaints: concern that there is no lighting in the new Commercial Street car park for local business staff working into the darkness, drainage issues at the St Mary Street car wash establishment and that the removed footway boundary wall has not been replaced, weeds are not cut out from the local footways and some sandbags

are still not removed, The Council are aware that repair work has started at Stony Bridge and that CCBC are to resurface Maryland Street later this year. The Clerk is to notify the County Borough Ward Cllrs of these issues and items.

The Council considered the recent financial assistance request from Risca Senior Citizens Hall. The Council were aware that they had made previous donations to the Hall over the last few years and were unable to assist on this occasion. The Council also considered the recent financial assistance request from Risca Volunteers charity for vehicle maintenance costs. The Council decided that they were unable to contribute public money for vehicle maintenance. However, they agreed for the Clerk to submit the Council's assistance application forms to the applicant to see if the Council can assist the local charity on a community topic

1253.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The recent One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting was held on Wednesday 16 April via remote access. CCBC had decided to cancel the 29 April TCCLC Joint meeting due to its pending decisions on both Libraries and Leisure Centres in the county borough.

1254 Current Projects Summary

The Clerk has contacted CCBC for permission to use Tredegar Park, Risca for both of its planned Town Council events. The Council are looking forward to its planned Bands in the Park event on Sunday 20 July with the Crosskeys Silver Band playing. The Council is starting its plans for its Winter Fair on Saturday 22 November

Project				
A	New PA system	for use at outside events		3000
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
C	Bands in the Park	Sunday 20 July with Crosskeys Silver Band		700
D	Summer Baskets and planters project			8000

1255 Planning Applications - Case Ref. 25/0242 – The Council wish to object to this second application on grounds of no car parking being attached to it and no

onsite waste provision - private bins left out on the footways already cause obstructions to the local streets

1256 Exclusion of press and public – None

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed:

Date:
