

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 16 June 2025

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

County Cllr Ceri Wright and Ysgol Cwm Gwyddon Governor, Jenny Rogers-Walker 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

1257 Apologies - County Cllr Bob Owen, Cllr Tony Davies and Cllr Louise Stephens

1258 Presentation – Jenny Rogers-Walker introduced herself to the Council. Jenny confirmed that she wished to remain as the Risca Town Council nominated Governor at Ysgol Cwm Gwyddon and she gave the Council a summary of the School’s recent activities and events. The Mayor thanked Jenny for her continued representation at the School, on behalf of the Council

1259 Declarations of Interest - None

1260 Residents’ addresses - None

1261 Minutes of the 2025 AGM and full Council meeting held on 12 May 2025
The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

1262 County Members updates – County Cllr Ceri Wright updated the Council on her recent Town Ward activities. The Council were pleased to hear that Welsh Government had agreed for the Boundary Commission’s review to be implemented. They noted that the Review had included for Risca to be returned to one community after being split into two Wards in the mid 1990’s and then again into two community councils in 2013. The Council noted that it still had not been invited to a CCBC Planning site meeting at the site for the new Lidl Store

1263 Clerk’s Report

1263.1 Finance

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk presented the 2024/2025 Audit Wales ‘Basic’ Audit Return

papers, the full year's internal report and the Annual Governance Statement to the Council. The Council agreed for the Return form to be signed off and for the Clerk to deliver it to Audit Wales together with its associated back up forms by 30 June 2025

1263.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council considered a new item for its future Agendas; 'Community Topics' and the Clerk is to introduce this for the 14 July Council meeting

The Council considered the recent financial assistance request from the Black Vein Miners' Memorial Society and agreed to donate £100 towards the Memorial site's upkeep

The Council agreed to pay a donation to each of the local groups who provided the recent VE Day Service that was successfully arranged by Risca Royal British Legion. The total amount of the donations is £500 from the Projects budget

1263.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The next One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting I set for Wednesday 30 July via remote access. The next TCCLC Joint meeting with CCBC is set for Monday 28 July

1264 Current Projects Summary

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's Winter Fair is set for Saturday 22 November. The Council discussed its local contractor, Greenleif's request to replace 34 street columns' power sockets in time for the 2025 Festive period at an estimated cost of £3,500. The Council agreed to fund the work this year from its Projects budget

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

D	New Street lighting column sockets for Festive lanterns	For Christmas 2025		3500
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1265 Planning Applications – Case Refs. 25/0306 and 25/0340 were noted

1266 Exclusion of press and public – None

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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