

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 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

A/ Apologies – County Cllr Bob Owen, Cllr Tony Davies and Cllr Louise Stephens

B/ Presentations – 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

C/ Declarations of Interest – None

D/ Residents' addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the 2025 AGM and the previous Council meeting held on 12 May 2025

Both sets of minutes were agreed and signed as true records

F/ County Members report – 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

Risca Town Council – Early summary of Minutes of 16 June 2025 to publish electronically. A copy in Welsh will be provided upon request.

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

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

G2 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

H/ 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

I/ Planning Applications – Case Refs. 25/0306 and 25/0340 were noted

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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