

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 8 Sep 2025

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Heddlu Gwent Police Officers CSOs Sophie Aplin and Jason Harris 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

1277 Apologies - County Cllr Bob Owen and Cllr Tony Davies

1278 Presentation – The Mayor welcomed CSO Sophie Aplin as the new local Officer to the Town Council meeting. The CSOs gave a summary of the Police reports in the Town area over the July and August months. Some incidents had been pursued with the perpetrators being remanded. The Mayor thanked the local Officers for their time and their work

1279 Declarations of Interest - None

1280 Residents’ addresses - None

1281 Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 14 July 2025

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

1282 County Members updates – None

1283 Clerk’s Report

1283.1 Finance

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported again that he had not received any news from Audit Wales on the recently submitted 2024/2025 ‘Basic’ Audit Return papers

1283.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council further considered the recent financial assistance request from Risca Community School’s Parent Teacher Association and agreed for the Clerk to donate £1000 to the Association. The Council also considered the recent applications for financial assistance from St David’s Hospice and

Cerebral Palsy Cymru. They agreed to donate £1000 to the St David’s charity and £250 to the Cerebral Palsy charity. Another application from a dog charity was not supported as it was deemed to be outside the Risca community. The Council were represented by Cllr Mike Wedderien at the recent Aneurin Bevan Board initiative meetings of ‘Risca Decides’

1283.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

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

1284 Current Projects Summary

The Council were disappointed that the recent heavy rain meant their rearranged Bands in the Park event for Sunday 7 September with the Crosskeys Silver Band, again had to be cancelled. The Council’s Winter Fair is set for Saturday 22 November and the event planning is underway. More Winter Fair details will be available next month

Project				
A	New PA system	for use at outside events		3000
B	Summer Baskets and planters project			8000
C	New Street lighting column sockets for Festive lanterns	For Christmas 2025		3500
D	Winter Fair – 22 Nov 2025	Plans for the Winter Fair have commenced		14000
E	Festive Lanterns 2025			7000

1285 Planning Applications – the following planning applications were noted:

Case Ref. 25/0540/HH- 34 Ty-Isaf Park Road Pontymister

Case Ref. 25/0537/FULL- Tesco Extra Unit C and

Case Ref. 25/0533/FULL- Madison Gardens St Mary Street

1286 Exclusion of press and public – One local issue was discussed under Exempt Items as personal names are data protected

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed:

Date:
