

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 13 Oct 2025

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

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

1287 Apologies - Cllr Mike Wedderien

1288 Presentation – None. The Clerk reported that he had received an email and summary of the Police crime reports in the Town area over August and September and he noted that those numbers had been reduced

1289 Declarations of Interest - None

1290 Residents’ addresses - None

1291 Minutes of the full Council meeting held on 8 Sep 2025

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

1292 County Members updates – None

1293 Clerk’s Report

1293.1 Finance

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that Audit Wales on 26 September had completed the 2024/2025 ‘Basic’ Audit Return papers and they had pointed out two administrative topics for the Council to address. The Clerk reported he is to pay the Town Cllrs annual allocations this month

1293.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council further considered the recent financial assistance request from Hope Rescue (caring for stray dogs in the local county boroughs) but the request was not supported as it was deemed to be mostly for outside of the Risca community. The Council raised and discussed the following local topics and the Clerk is to write to the Caerphilly county borough councillors: 1/ Residents at Maryland Road, Newport Road and in Ochryth Lane had

complained about the recent, poor highway resurfacing that has taken place with reports of chippings and tarmac being treaded into homes, 2/ Any update on security lighting for the new car park off Commercial Street?, 3/ Residents had complained that a local business was parking vans in disabled bays, 4/ Any update on the renewal of lining in the Rugby club public car park?, 5/ Any progress on removing the derelict vans at the former Baths field (The Clerk is also to write to DVLA to complain about the vans), 6/ Can the Council see the recent CCBC survey data of pedestrians crossing Tredegar Street, please?

1293.3 One Voice Wales/Town and Community Council Liaison Committee

The next One Voice Wales Area Committee meeting is set for the new year via remote access. The next TCCLC Joint meeting with CCBC is set for Monday 17 November at the CCBC Ty-Penallta Offices

1294 Current Projects Summary

The Council are progressing their Winter Fair plans for Saturday 22 November and their 2025 Festive Lanterns project

Project				
A	New PA system	for use at outside events		3000
B	New Street lighting column sockets for Festive lanterns	For Christmas 2025		3500
C	Winter Fair – 22 Nov 2025	Plans for the Winter Fair have commenced		14000
D	Festive Lanterns 2025			7000
E	Festive windows Competition			300

1295 Planning Applications – the Council considered the following planning application and the Clerk is to respond to Caerphilly County borough council highlighting the Council's concern for the already stretched local services in the Town:

Case Ref. 25/0629/FULL : milsoj@caerphilly.gov.uk - Land at St Mary Street
Risca NP11 6G Proposal: Demolish existing structures and construct 17 no.

residential units including landscaping, access, parking, drainage and all associated works

1296 Exclusion of press and public – None

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed:

Date:
