

**In line with the Welsh Government's 'Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021' requirement for all 735 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 10 Nov 2025**

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

**Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell**

County Cllr Ceri Wright and Sophie Aplin and Matthew Williams of Heddlu Gwent Police 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 6.35 pm**

**A/ Apologies –** Cllr Sally Davies, County Cllr Bob Owen

**B/ Presentations –** The Police Officers present updated the Council on the recent reports in the Town in October

**C/ Declarations of Interest –** None

**D/ Residents' addresses -** None

**E/ Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 October 2025**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

**F/ County Members report –** County Cllr Ceri Wright updated the Council on her local matters

**G/ Decisions made**

**G1 Finance Report**

The Clerk's monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk reported that the current half year's Internal Audit had been successfully concluded. The Clerk presented four possible budgets/precepts for the Council to consider for 2026/2027. They included likely costs of the two Risca events that have been carried out by Caerphilly county borough council for the last few years. CCBC have asked the Council to consider covering the costs of a 'beach party' and a 'food festival' for next Summer. The Council are

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to consider the budget options for a decision at their 8 December 2025 meeting for it to be ratified at the 12 January 2026 meeting. The Clerk must then submit that decision to CCBC by 31 January in readiness for April 2026

## **G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications**

The Council considered a recent request for financial assistance from Air Ambulance Wales. The Council will give this further consideration at its December meeting. The Council is aware of recent communications from Risca Royal British Legion about an incident with a County Cllr at the Remembrance Service at Moriah Church on Friday 7 November. County Cllr Ceri Wright is to carry out an investigation for the Council. The Council is aware of the recent Boundary Commission's report that was supported by Welsh Government for a new Risca Community Council to be formed for the Local Government elections in May 2027. The Council are looking forward to bringing Risca back to one community council after the Risca Ward of the county council was split into East and West in the mid 1990's. It was again split into two community councils in 2013. The Clerk is awaiting details and instructions from CCBC in order for the WG decision to be put into effect for May 2027. The Council considered the recent application from local resident Brett Holdsworth for the Fernlea Ward Member vacancy. The Council agreed for the co-option and for the Clerk to invite the applicant along to its January 2026 Council meeting

## **G3 Community Topics**

The Council are to consider a request from Risca Primary School Governors for a new governor appointment to be recommended to represent the Council. The Council await details of the individual

## **H/ Current Projects Summary**

The Council are progressing their Winter Fair plans for Saturday 22 November. The Council is aware of the CCBC request for additional certificates and information for their 2025 Festive Lanterns project, to coincide with the Winter Fair. The Council and the local contractor are striving to achieve these in time for Sat 22 November

**I/ Planning Applications** – the Council considered the following planning application that were noted:

Case Ref. 25/0331 Case Ref. 25/0690 and Case Ref. 25/0732

**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**