

In line with the Welsh Government's 'Local Government and Elections (Wales} Act 2021' requirement for all 733 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 8 Dec 2025

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

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Steve Veyey of Risca RBL, Jason Harris and Lauren Jones 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 Ffion Green, County Cllr Bob Owen and County Cllr Ceri Wright

B/ Presentations – The Police Officers present updated the Council on recent crime reports in the Town for November

C/ Declarations of Interest – None

D/ Residents' addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 November 2025

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

F/ County Members report – none

G/ Decisions made

G1 Finance Report

The Clerk's monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Clerk again presented four possible budgets/precepts for the Council to decide upon for 2026/2027. The Council is fully aware of the rising cost of living and increasing costs to maintain its projects and services to the Risca community, and that Caerphilly county borough council asked for a financial contribution to its CCBC summer events. The Council is also aware that the Boundary Commission's recommendation for Risca to be reunified,

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rather than being split into East and West Wards, is likely to take place at the Local Government Elections in May 2027. With all these facts in mind the Council decided on a budget of £94K for 2026/2027 with a Band D Council Tax charge at Band D of £52 per household. The Clerk is to submit that decision to CCBC by 31 January in readiness for April 2026 to March 2027

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council agreed to a donation of £250 as financial assistance to Air Ambulance Wales. The Council considered the recent application from local business person Charlotte Evans for the Ty Isaf Fields Ward Member vacancy. The Council agreed for the Clerk to invite Charlotte along to its 12 January 2026 Council meeting to meet all the Town Cllrs

G3 Community Topics

The Council await details of a local interest for a governor vacancy at Risca Primary School

H/ Current Projects Summary

The Council are very pleased with the success of its Winter Fair and Christmas Tree lights switch on event on Saturday 22 November. The Council noted the excellent quality of the Town Council's marquee and the stage that were provided this year. It is also grateful for CCBC agreeing to allowing it to erect its 2025 Festive Lanterns project in time to coincide with the Winter Fair. The Council noted its concern at the time it took for the local contractor to obtain the CCBC required certificates and information for Christmas 2025. The Council are also aware of the recent compliments from residents and businesses in the Town's community about the quality of the Festive Lanterns

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

Case Ref. 25/0331/HH, Case Ref. 25/0690/COU and Case Ref. 25/0732/ADV

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