

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 9 Feb 2026

Present: Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Mike Wedderien, Cllr Tony Davies, and Cllr Charlotte Evans,

Clerk/Proper Officer: Robert Campbell

Local resident Antony Green was 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 and welcome – Apologies were received from Cllr Ffion Green, Cllr Sally Davies, County Cllrs Bob Owen and Ceri Wright and the local Police. The Chair welcomed Antony Green who had applied for the Ward Member vacancy at Fernlea. The Council agreed for the Co-option of Antony to the Council and for the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with Caerphilly CBC for him to take the Code of Conduct training

B/ Presentations – The Clerk reported that the local Police Officers had emailed him with a monthly crime reports update for January. The Council noted that crime reports were down and with only one Antisocial Behaviour report added. The Council wished to thank the Police for their update in the Town.

C/ Declarations of Interest – None

D/ Residents' addresses - None

E/ Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 January 2026

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 Council confirmed their commitment to pay £3600 for their next

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Winter Fair project for 21 November 2026 by ordering up a stage. The Council also confirmed their commitment to purchase up to four additional Festive Lanterns for Christmas 2026. The Council noted that the Risca Cancer Charity group had decided to postpone their planned 'Big Screen' event until the summer of 2027 whilst they seek a suitable venue

G2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Council is still awaiting news from Caerphilly CBC on the recent Boundary Commission's report recommendation for Risca to be reunified as one County Ward and one Community Council. The Council noted that a defibrillator had been returned and they will consider if any local group could house it for public use. The Clerk reported that the next TCCLC meeting is planned for Tuesday 24 February to be hosted by Blackwood Town Council

G3 Community Topics

The Council are aware that Robyn Griffiths is an applicant for a Governors' vacancy at Risca Primary School as a representative of the Council and that Robyn intends to attend the March Council meeting to introduce herself. The Council discussed five local topics that the Clerk is to email to the two County Cllrs for them to investigate. At 7.30 pm Cllr Charlotte Evans left the meeting

H/ Current Projects Summary

Cllr Tony Davies reported that the Crosskeys Siver Band were considering the following three dates for the Town Council's Bands in the Park event for this summer – Sun 14 June, Sun 12 July and Sun 9 August

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

Case Ref. 26/0019/FULL - Art And Sold Ltd Former Ebenezer Church - Create 19 No car parking spaces on existing forecourt

Case Ref. 26/0061/HH - 16 York Place Risca

Case Ref. 26/0043/HH - 5 Ty-isaf Park Circle Pontymister Risca Newport NP11 6NF

Case Ref. Case Ref. 26/0014/FULL - Location: Medhurst Residential Home 1 Cromwell Road Risca Newport NP11 7AF

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm. The full Minutes when agreed and signed will also be made available on the Council's website as soon as practically possible

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