

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 11 May 2026

Present: Cllr Mike Parker, Cllr Ffion Green, Cllr Mike Wedderien, Cllr Sally Davies, Cllr Louise Stephens and Cllr Charlotte Evans
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 6.35 pm

1357 Apologies – Apologies were received from Cllr Antony Green and Cllr Tony Davies and Police CSO Sophie Aplin

1358 Presentations – The Clerk reported that local Police Officer, Sophie had emailed him with a monthly crime report update for March. The Council noted that crime reports and Antisocial Behaviour reports were down from last month. The Council wished to thank the Police for their update in the Town

1359 Declarations of Interest – None

1360 Residents’ addresses – None

1361 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 April 2026

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

1362 County Members report – None

1363 Clerk’s Report

1363.1 Finance Report

The Clerk’s monthly account summary was agreed as satisfactory by the Council. The Council considered the Clerk’s pay for 2026/2027 - that had not changed since 2023/24 - and agreed that the Clerk’s payscale be revised from April this year to Scale Point 29 from the NALC Payscales for 2025/26. The Mayor reported on the recent CCBC request for financial support for its Town Centre Beach event in June with a pre event plan of a ‘Trail’ for local children to search for ‘toy bears’ in the shops/businesses in the Town from 30 May. The Council agreed to support the ‘Trail’ by setting aside £500 maximum for paying for ‘toy bears’ and sweets as rewards. The Clerk is to report this support to CCBC’s Town Centre Manager

1363.2 Correspondence/financial assistance applications

The Clerk reported that he and Cllr Parker had attended CCBC Highways House on Wednesday evening 6 May for a workshop on their Festive Lighting requirements for 2026. There was a new requirement for the Town's local contractor to refresh a Chapter 8 certificate (safety working on the highway). The Clerk reported on the recent Town and Risca East CC joint meeting where both Councils were to work towards forming a new Risca Community Council in 2027. The Clerk added that he anticipated the new Welsh Government, when formed and CCBC would produce their plans on the Boundary Commission's report recommendation for Risca, to be reunified as one County Ward and one Community Council. The next Risca Joint meeting was agreed at Sycamore on Tuesday 9 June. Clerk reported that the next TCCLC meeting is planned for Tuesday 23 June at Blackwood Town Council and the next TCCLC Joint meeting with CCBC is set for Monday 20 July

1363.3 Community Topics

The Council discussed local topics of solar lighting in Tredegar Park, a request for a Zebra Crossing at the new Ty Darren site and for any news on a planning application for a new Subway store in the Town. The Clerk will email these topics to the two Town County Cllrs for them to investigate

1364 Current Projects Summary

The Council are looking forward to their summer baskets and planters project in the Town. The Clerk is to contact CCBC to pursue Daffodil bulbs planting in the two grass verges at the Newport Road/Mill Street Roundabout. The Council agreed the date of Sunday 12 July 2026, 3 pm to 5 pm, for its summer Bands in the Park project with Crosskeys Silver Band playing for the community. The Council agreed for new projects of Daffodil planting and supporting a tea party event for the new Ty Darren residents in the summer

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A	New PA system	for use at outside events		3000
B	Summer flowers baskets and planters	Contract 2026		9000
C	Bands in the Park with Crosskeys Silver Band	Sunday 12 July 3 pm to 5 pm		700

D	Daffodils planting in grass verges	At Mill St Roundabout		2000
E	Tea Party for residents at the new Ty Darren site	Summer 2026		1000

1365 Planning Application – the Council considered the following planning application: Case Ref. 26/0271. The Council agreed for the Clerk to respond to CCBC with their environmental concerns at the proposed change from a nail salon to a food outlet at a location that has no car parking and is adjacent to an industrial unit

1366 Exclusion of press and public – None

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

Signed:

Date: