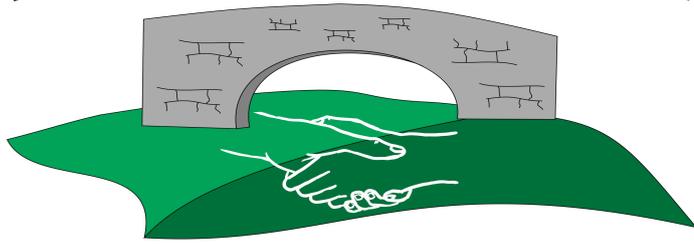


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 15th December 2016.

442. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

442.1. Community Councillors present: Nigel George (Acting Chairman), Mary Coles, Cliff Edwards, Shirley Hobbs and Maureen Jenkins

442.2. Apologies were received from John Blackburn, Rob Derraven, Matthew Farrell and Arianna Passmore

443. To receive a report from the Police.

443.1. No Police officer was present.

444. To receive a presentation from Mr Richard Owen representative from Agape Community Church in Ty Sign.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Owen to the meeting. Mr Owen explained that there were problems with the existing building which the Church used. Caerphilly County Borough Council had given a small grant to carry out a feasibility study. Several existing buildings were mentioned and architects have produced outline drawings. Discussions have taken place with several local organisations that may be interested in sharing the new building. Cllr Cliff Edwards asked if there would be a multi-agency involvement in the creation of a new building. Cllr Nigel George said that there was a great need for a community centre in the Ty Sign area. He asked Mr Owen to keep the Community Council informed of future developments and thanked him for speaking to the meeting.

445. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th November 2016 were **agreed**.

446. Matters Arising

446.1. Minute 437.2 - Christmas Lights – it was reported that the lights were on all day. The Clerk agreed to contact the contractor to alter the timer switches.

447. To receive the Clerk's Report

447.1. The Clerk provided the financial statement as at 15th December 2016 which showed a total spend of £22,971.17 with income of £24,717.50. The bank balance was £37,567.62

447.2. The Clerk confirmed that cheque 100174 had been cancelled and a new one (100176) issued for £384.00

447.3. The financial statement included budget monitoring information which showed projected

variations on the following items:-

- Audit Fee – revised estimate of 3500 due to increase in Internal Audit fee and anticipated increase in External Audit fee.
- Room Hire – revised estimated of £350 – increase due to meetings with Risca Town Council.
- The Council noted the Clerk’s report and **agreed** the variations to the original budget.

447.4. The Clerk informed the meeting that the table tennis table for the youth club based in St. David’s church was cheaper than originally estimated. It was **agreed** to donate the savings to the Youth Club.

447.5. The Clerk provided a draft copy of the minutes of the previous joint Risca Town/Risca East Community Council meeting. There were several items which had been discussed which needed approval at the Community Council meeting.

- Pantomime – the joint meeting had provisionally agreed to pay the organisers an additional fee if it was proven that they had not covered all their costs. – this was **agreed**.
- Armistice Concert – it had been reported that £392.63 had been collected at the Concert. It was propose that this be rounded up to £400 – this was **agreed**
- The Air Cadet Corp had attended the Concert and it was felt that a donation should be given to the organisation in line with donations given to the other organisations that had attended – it was **agreed** to donate £25
- Risca Comprehensive School 40th Anniversary – it had been agreed in principle to provide financial support as part of the celebrations at a total estimated cost of £1,200 (each Council paying 50%) – this was **agreed**

448. The Clerk’s schedule of correspondence was received and the actions **agreed**.

448.1. Item 448.9 – agreed to donate an additional £43.50 to the Royal British Legion

449. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George.

449.1. Cllr George reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council had been looking at four off the shelf designs for the skate board park, however, youngsters suggested that a company called Concreate should be considered.

Cllr George reminded that meeting that the Council had previously discussed the possibility of part funding bins for Forsythia Close. It was estimated that this will cost about £140

450. Local Issues

450.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Shirley Hobbs raised the issue of new pavements for Fairview Avenue and also new pavements on Manor Way (lower section). Holly Road garages were still not improved and needed to be demolished.

450.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – nothing to report.

450.3. Trenewydd Ward – nothing to report

451. To consider Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman 19th January 2017