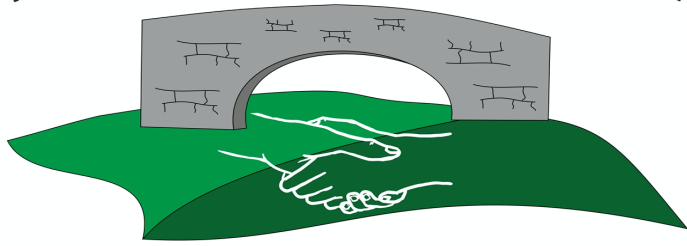


# Risca East Community Council



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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

826. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

- 826.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Deb Crahart, Rosemary Creedy, Zoe Davies, Nigel George, Philippa Leonard, Christine Thomas and Sue Thorne.  
826.2. Apologies were received from Cllr Arianna Leonard.

827. To receive representatives from the Police

- 827.1. PCSO Paige Greenhalgh reported that problems with dogs had been passed on the PCSO Paul Salter who would be issuing a Community Protection Warning to the owners.  
827.2. It was pleasing to note that no ASBOs had been recorded in the Risca East area for some considerable time.  
827.3. Cllr Philippa Leonard commented that residents were experiencing problems with the 101 phone service. PCSO Greenhalgh explained that there was a shortage of staff operating the switchboard. She suggested that residents use the police's Facebook/twitter/email to report problems.

828. To receive representations from the public.

- 828.1. The Chairman welcomed two representatives, Adrian and Leigh, from the Risca Food Bank.  
828.2. The back ground to the food bank and statistics of the number of users was provided.  
828.3. Reference was made to the previous Council's decision not to take part in the distribution of food vouchers. The Clerk explained that the Council was not aware of the rules which should be used to determine whether a person should receive a food bank voucher.  
828.4. It was explained that a voucher entitles a person to 3 days food and can receive up to 3 vouchers within a six month period.  
828.5. Cllr. Nigel George asked whether the food bank organisers would prefer food or financial help from the Community Council.  
828.6. Adrian confirmed that the financial donation was a great help toward paying for the running costs of the building.  
828.7. It was confirmed that once the Clerk had received the guidelines on issuing food vouchers then the Community Council could discuss at its February meeting whether to take part in the scheme.  
828.8. Cllr. Sue Thorne presented a cheque to the food bank from money raised at the Christmas Fayre.

829. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were **agreed**.

### 830. Matters Arising

830.1. Minute 822 – Code of Conduct Training. The Chairman informed the meeting that he may not be able to attend on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

830.2. Minute 823.2 – Dog Fouling of footpaths – Cllr Sue Thorne asked whether it would be possible for the Community Council to put up signs? It was **agreed** that the Clerk write to Caerphilly County Borough Council requesting that more dog bins be placed along the footpath leading to Ty Sign Primary School. It was suggested that the Community Council could consider a joint funding approach if the Borough Council states that it does not have sufficient funding for the extra bins.

830.3. Minute 823.2 – the van was still parked in Aster Close. The guttering on the Spar Shops has been reported to the Borough Council.

### 831. Clerk's Report

831.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2019/20 income and expenditure as at 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 which showed a total spend of £15,670.12 with income received of £27,199.83 The bank balance was £40,952.91

831.2. The Clerk's reported variations to the original estimates were **agreed**.

831.3. The schedule of cheques provided by the Clerk was **agreed**.

831.4. The Clerk's Risk Assessment Report for 2019/20 was received and **agreed**.

831.5. To agree the Precept for 2020/21

- It was **agreed** that the precept remain at £12 per dwelling

831.6. To receive the Clerk's Budget Proposals for 2020/21

- The Clerk explained that on the basis of the precept being set at £12 then the Council would receive an estimated income of £24,606.48

- The proposed budget included:

- \* an assumed 2% national pay award for the Clerk
- \* The Council's phone estimate increased to £110
- \* The estimate for Community Projects increased to £4,000

- Cllr Sue Thorne outlined the planned projects for the forthcoming year and the cost implications for these projects.

- \* June 2020 – Risca's Got Talent Show
- \* October 2020 – Halloween Fancy Dress
- \* November 2020 – Armistice Concert
- \* November 2020 – Christmas Craft Fayre
- \* November 2020 – Christmas Lights switching-on
- \* May 2021 - Carnival

- After a lengthy discussion the following items were **agreed**

- \* Increase the budget for the Risca Toilets to £3,000. The increase in budget to be taken from balances.
- \* The Risca's Got Talent Show to be funded from balances
- \* All other projects to be funded from within the Clerk's budget proposals.

- It was **agreed** that the Clerk investigate the cost of printing and distributing a newsletter to all properties in the Risca East area.

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

833. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard

833.1. Cllr. Leonard reported that WHQS funding was to be made available to refurbish the children’s park (next to the Skate Park).

834.Local Issues

834.1.Ty Sign Ward – the Chairman reported that parking around the Risca Comprehensive School was becoming more and more dangerous. – Cllr. Philippa Leonard agreed to request that a traffic warden attend.

834.2.Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr Sue Thorne suggested that a special meeting be held at 6 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the forthcoming projects.

834.3.Trenewydd Ward – no issues were raised.

835.To Consider Planning Applications

835.1.19/0975/FULL – 54 Cotswold Way, Trenewydd Park, Risca – erect a front porch

835.2. 19/0995/COU – Church Bungalow, Thistle Way, Ty Sign – change of use from ministers’ accommodation to resource centre for church and community use

835.3. 10/0998/FULL – 7 Penrhiw Road, Penrhiw, Risca – erect single storey extension to front and rear

Signed.....Chairman 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020