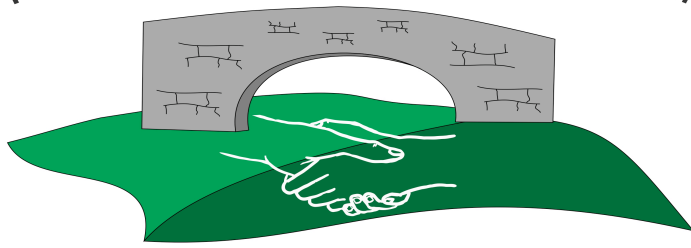


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 16th February 2017.

462. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

462.1. Community Councillors present: John Blackburn, Rob Derraven, Cliff Edwards, Mary Coles, Nigel George and Maureen Jenkins.

462.2. Apologies were received from Arianna Leonard, Shirley Hobbs and Matthew Farrell

462.3. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr John Blackburn chaired the meeting

462.4. Cllr Maureen Jenkins told the meeting that Cllr Shirley Hobbs' husband had suddenly passed away. The meeting stood in silence in memory of Mr Hobbs. It was agreed that a sympathy card be sent to Cllr Hobbs.

463. To receive a report from the Police.

463.1. No Police officer was present.

464. To receive a representation from the public

464.1. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

465. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th January 2017 were **agreed**.

466. Matters Arising

466.1. Minute 454.1 – Cllr Nigel George had recently attended a meeting with Caerphilly County Borough Council's Sports and Leisure Department. The Borough Council does not have by-laws in place and therefore all "No Ball Game" signs are un-enforceable. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Clerk write to the residents who had originally requested the "No Ball Games" sign at the top shops on Elm Drive to explain the Borough Council's position and enquire whether they would want the Community Council to erect a sign on their property.

466.2. Minute 460.2 – Cllr Nigel George said that he was aware of several companies that were trying to introduce similar initiatives but they were only interested in the main town centres.

466.3. Cllr George reported that the work had commenced to install the 20 mph speed limit signs around Ty Sign School, however, Western Power had not yet installed the power supply to the signs.

467. To receive the Clerk's Report

467.1. The Clerk provided the financial statement as at 16th February 2017 which showed a total spend of £25,309.07 with income of £24,742.50. The bank balance was £35,254.72

467.2. The financial statement included budget monitoring information which showed projected variations on the following items:-

- Affiliations – projected spend increased to £919.00
- Audit Fee – projected spend increased to £445.65
- The Council noted the Clerk's report and **agreed** the variations to the original budget.

468. The Clerk's schedule of correspondence was received and the actions **agreed**.

Item 468.5 – Elsbury Plant Christmas Decorations – it was agreed to purchase an extra 4 decorations. It was further agreed that Clerk establish whether purchasing additional decorations could benefit from a bulk purchase discount.

Item 468.6 – Zurich Municipal – it was agreed that the Community Council enter a contract for 2017/18 for its Insurance and that the Clerk establish whether other companies could provide quotations for future year's insurance cover.

Item 468.7 – GAVO – the Clerk had previously emailed the organisation requesting that the application for financial assistance but made using the Council's application form

469. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George.

469.1. Councillor George reported that a new bin bay was being created on Forsythia Avenue in an attempt to eliminate the fly-tipping problem.

469.2. The Borough Council was meeting next week to decide whether WHQS money can be used to fund the new skate board park.

469.3. It was planned to tarmac the footpath on the lower section of Manor Way.

469.4. A new 3G pitch was to be installed at the Comprehensive School.

469.5. The Borough Council was asking residents for comments on the new street lights that are being installed. Cllr John Blackburn said that he had received criticism of the new lights because they do not provide a wide enough coverage compared to the old sodium lights.

470. Local Issues

470.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Rob Derraven said that there were problems with inconsiderate parking outside the Comprehensive School. He was concerned that "it was an accident waiting to happen". Cllr Cliff Edwards reminded the meeting of the recent tragedy outside a school in Maesteg. He felt that may have an impact on all parking outside schools. Cllr John Blackburn suggested that the Head write to all parents.

470.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – nothing to report

470.3. Trenewydd Ward – Cllr Maureen Jenkins announced that she was standing down as a Community Councillor because she was moving to Oakdale. The Councillors thanked her for her contribution to the Community Council and wished her well in her new home.

471. To consider Planning Applications

471.1. 17/0065/FULL – 28 Vale View, Gelli Park, Risca – erect two storey rear extension

Signed.....Chairman 16th March 2017