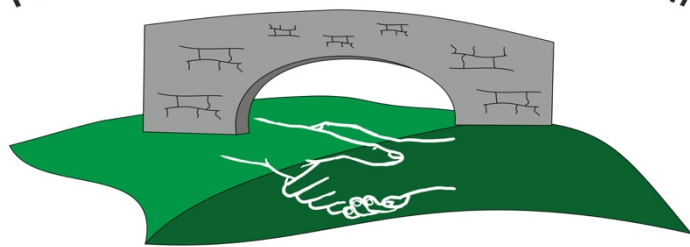


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

700. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

700.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Deb Crahart, Zoe Davies, Nigel George, Philippa Leonard and Sue Thorne.

700.2. Apologies were received from Councillors John Blackburn and Arianna Leonard.

701. To consider applications for the vacant seat in the Trenewydd Park Ward.

701.1. This item had been deferred to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019

702. To receive representatives from the Police.

702.1. PC Kevin Donovan, PCSO Paul Salter and CSO Alan Davies attended the meeting.

702.2. PC Donovan referred to a recent spate of burglaries on the Ty Sign estate. He confirmed that the Police would be increasing patrols and using CCTV.

702.3. Councillors asked various questions which were answered by the Police representatives.

703. To receive representations from the public.

703.1. There were no members of the public present.

704. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were **agreed**.

705. Matters Arising

705.1. Minute 693.4 – Cllr Sue Thorne confirmed that she had received information regarding the defibrillator. The estimated cost of purchase was £995 with a 7/8 year guarantee. It required a power source to heat the case that was used to store the defibrillator. The Clerk confirmed that he had written to St. David's Church requesting permission to fit a defibrillator to the outside of the Church.

705.2. Minute 693.8 – Cllr Sue Thorne had very kindly provided guidance notes on the use of the Kindle Tablets.

705.3. Minute 693.5 – Cllr Sue Thorne thanked all those who had contributed towards the article in the Risca Directory.

705.4. Minute 694.3 – It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Clerk of Risca Town Council to arrange a joint meeting and also invite Mr. Steve Veysey from Risca Branch of the Royal British Legion to the meeting.

## 706. Clerk's Report

706.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2018/19 income and expenditure as at 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 which showed a total spend of £8,310.14 with income received to date of £25,015.51 The bank balance was £57,050.49

706.2. To agree the Precept for 2019/20

- The Council **agreed** to set the Precept for 2019/20 at £12.00 per Band D equivalent property. This would result in an estimated income of £24,488.00
- The Council **agreed** the draft budget for 2019/20 provided by the Clerk.
- The budget on certain items was revised for the following reasons:-
  - \* Clerk's Salary – increased due to NALC agreement.
  - \* Postage - increased to £70
  - \* Ty Sign Skate Board Park – financial commitment met
  - \* Joint Projects – these items to be reviewed to reflect the Council's change of policy regarding joint Risca East/Risca Town projects.
  - \* RBL Insurance – increased to £350 – although this may have to be further increased depending on whether the Council pays toward the costs of the Armistice Day Parade.
  - \* Clerk's telephone – £100.00 - it was **agreed** that the Council should have its own telephone. It was further **agreed** that the Clerk should purchase a dual sim phone in the current financial year at a maximum cost of £250

706.3. The Council **accepted** the Clerk's report.

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

Item 707.3 – Cllr. Deb Crahart declared an interest and left the meeting.

St. David's Church Meithrin – request for financial assistance. It was **agreed** to make a grant of £759.96. Cllr Crahart was invited to re-join the meeting.

708. Risca East/Risca Town joint meeting.

708.1. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the Clerk of Risca Town Council to arrange a joint meeting in February.

709. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard.

709.1. Cllr Leonard reported that the fields to the rear of Holly Road flats were being released for grazing.

709.2. Cllr George reported that the yellow lines on Elm Drive were being re-instated.

710. Local Issues

710.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Deb Crahart confirmed that some volunteers had stepped forward to help out at the TLC but more were needed.

710.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr Sue Thorne reported that residents had complained that the grass on the canal banking was not being regularly cut.

710.3. Trenewydd Ward – nothing

711. To Consider Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019