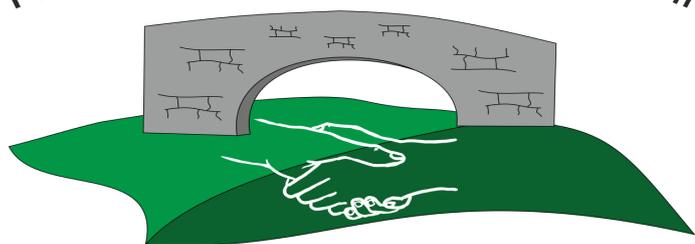


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 18th October 2018.

677. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

677.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Deb Crahart, Zoe Davies, John Blackburn, and Sue Thorne

677.2. Apologies were received from Councillors Nigel George, Arianna Leonard and Philippa Leonard

677.3. The Clerk advised the meeting that Cllr. Dawn Derraven had resigned due to health reasons. He confirmed that he had already placed notices on the four public notice boards as well as the Council's website. Cllr. Sue Thorne had also posted the information on the Council's Facebook page.

678. To receive an update on the Ty Sign Hall project.

678.1. The Chairman welcomed Richard Owen to the meeting. Mr Owen informed the meeting that grant applications had been submitted to the Welsh Government and the Big Lottery. Conditional approval had been received from the Welsh Government and the Big Lottery was at the second stage. The project was estimated to cost £650,000 plus fixtures and fittings and fees, etc. Detailed plans had to be drawn up by an architect. The Holly Road site has Japanese Knotweed. Caerphilly County Borough Council has treated it on an annual basis but this treatment has been unsuccessful. It was estimated to cost in the order of £100,000 to completely remove it but the project cannot afford that. Mr Owen explained that they were now investigating the possibility of using the land next to the new Skate Board Park. Councillors Rob Derraven, Zoe Davies and Nigel George had met with him the previous day to discuss this possibility.

Cllr. John Blackburn said that he could see the sense in using the land by the skate board park.

679. To receive representatives from the Police.

679.1. The PCSO's had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting but had provided a written report. A covert speed monitoring exercise had been carried out recently. Between the 21st and 28th of August 17,509 vehicles used the road with an average speed of 27 mph. According to their records only one person has received a personal injury. On the basis of this, the road doesn't meet the criteria for further action.

680. To receive representations from the public.

680.1. It was reported that there is a major problem with parking on double yellow lines and this has resulted in no vehicle passing places. Cllr. John Blackburn was concerned about how

emergency vehicles would manage to get along the road.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Police about this problem.

680.2. Concerns were expressed about the lack of facilities for younger children at the new Skate Board Park.

681. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th September 2018 were **agreed**.

682. Matters Arising

682.1. Minute 667.6 – The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding the problems of vehicles blocking pavements and junctions.

682.2. Minute 675.1 – Cllr. Zoe Davies reported that the crossing patrol lady job still hadn't been advertised.

682.3. Minute 675.1 – Clerk to write to St. David's Church requesting permission to install a defibrillator on the outside of the building.

682.4. Minute 675.2 – Cllr. Sue Thorne was preparing the next newsletter for the Risca Directory. Cllr Zoe Davies asked whether the Directory is delivered to every house in the Risca East area? Cllr. Thorne said that she would contact the Directory if Cllr. Davies could provide the addresses.

682.5. Minute 675.2 – Cllr. Sue Thorne confirmed that the Annual Dinner would be held after the December meeting on 20th December.

682.6. Minute 672.9 – It was agreed that the Christmas Lights should be light on Sunday 25th November.

683. Clerk's Report

683.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2018/19 income and expenditure as at 16th September 2018 which showed a total spend of £6,158.70 with income received to date of £25,015.51 The bank balance was £59,201.93

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

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

- Item 684.3 – Sports Direct – it was agreed the items should be delivered to Cllr. Zoe Davies' mother's address.
- Item 684.4 – Ty Sign Hall – request for financial assistance. Councillors were greatly concerned about the level of support being request: at £8,000 it represented almost a third of the Community Council's total revenue. Whilst the Community Council fully supported the project in principle, it was felt that due to the uncertainty as to whether the project would eventually go ahead, the Community Council could not make a financial contribution at this time.
- Item 684.6 – Risca Male Choir – Armistice Concert. It was **agreed** to contribute 50% of the cost.
- Item 684.7 – Risca Christmas Fayre – it was **agreed** that the Council would not take part in this.
- Item 684.8 – Risca Town Council – Armistice Parade. It was **agreed** to share the identified costs with Risca Town Council on the same basis as previous years.
- Item 684.9 – Christmas Tree in Risca Town. It was **agreed** to contribute 50% towards the cost of the lights.
- Item 684.10 – Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – **agreed** to pay £50.00 for two wreaths.
- Item 684.11 – Argoed Community Council – **agreed** to pay printing costs of £33.83

- Item 684.12 – Letter from a resident regarding an alleged breach of the GDPR and also a request under the Freedom of Information for financial and other information. The Clerk advised the meeting that he was responding to the letter.

685.Risca East/Risca Town joint meeting.

685.1. No joint meeting had been held since the last Community Council meeting.

686. To receive a report from Councillor Arianna Leonard.

686.1. Cllr Leonard had previously apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

687. Local Issues

687.1.Ty Sign Ward – no report

687.2.Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr. Deb Crahart reported that the road sign for Herbert Avenue had been stolen.

Cllr. John Blackburn reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council had erected two “No Ball Games” signs in Woodview Road. Councillors expressed their surprise at this especially as the Borough Council had refused to erect signs at the top shops on Elm Drive because they were “un-enforceable”.

687.3.Trenewydd Ward – no report

688.To Consider Planning Applications

688.1. 18/0781/FULL – Land at Grid Ref 324178 Opposite 40 Penrhiw Road – construct detached dwelling and garage.

Signed.....Chairman 15th November 2018