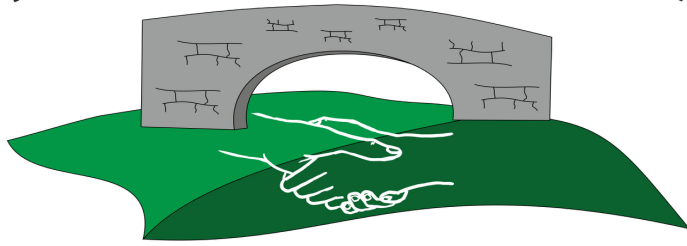


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

783. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

783.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Deb Crahart, Zoe Davies, Nigel George, Christine Thomas and Sue Thorne.

783.2. Apologies – Rob Derraven, Arianna Leonard and Philippa Leonard.

783.3. In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice chairman, it was agreed that Cllr. Nigel George act as Chairman for the meeting.

783.4. The Clerk read out a letter of resignation from Cllr. John Blackburn. Everyone present expressed their surprise and disappointment that Cllr. Blackburn had decided to resign. It was agreed that the Clerk should write a letter to Cllr. Blackburn thanking him for his service to the Community Council and wishing him well for the future.

783.5. It was **agreed** that Cllr. Zoe Davies replace Cllr. Blackburn as the Community Council's representative on the Joint Liaison Committee meetings.

784. To receive representatives from the Police.

784.1. There were no representatives present at the meeting

785. To receive representations from the public.

785.1. Messrs. Chris Davies and Matthew Farrell from AFC Twmbarlwm addressed the meeting in support of their request for financial assistance which had originally been received at the Council meeting in July. The football club was requesting a grant of £1,700 towards the cost of a new kit and various other sporting equipment. They outlined the clubs activities and successes over the previous 3 years since they had been formed. It was noted that the Community Council had previously made a grant some three years ago. They had not submitted an application for funding from Risca Town Council but would be doing so in the near future. Additional sponsorship for next year was being sought.

Messrs. Davies and Farrell were thanked for their attendance and advised that they would be informed of the Council's decision in the near future.

After a brief discussion, the Council **agreed** to make a grant of £850 towards the cost of the kit on the condition that the Community Council's logo would be printed on the shirts.

786. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were **agreed** subject to the attendance record being amended to include Cllr. Deb Crahart.

## 787.Matters Arising

787.1. Minute 775.1 – Cllr. Nigel George suggested that the Community Council consider buying bigger bins and establish where the bins were needed. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Caerphilly County Borough Council to request that bigger bins were provided outside Ty Sign Primary School.

787.2. Minute 779 – it was noted that the Summer Sports Scheme had been a great success.

787.3. Minute 780.2 – it was noted that various vehicles were to be removed in the near future.

## 788. Clerk's Report

788.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2019/20 income and expenditure as at 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 which showed a total spend of £3,994.38 with income received of £27,099.83 The bank balance was £52,242.32.

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

Item 789.5 – email from Chairman Rob Derraven regarding conduct at meetings, various items raised by local residents and future activities of the Community Council.

Risca Toilets:- The Chairman outlined the possibility of increasing the precept to ensure that the Community Council could maintain its commitment to part-fund the toilets in Risca Park. After a brief discussion it was **agreed** that the Community Council could afford the future commitment within its current budget provision.

Item 789.6 – Christmas Decorations – see item 789.10

Item 789.8 – Notice Board in Risca Library. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Libraries Department of Caerphilly County Borough Council to enquire whether Risca East Community Council could utilize the existing notice board within the building or provide its own notice board.

Item 789.10 – Provision of power supply for proposed new Christmas Tree at St. David's Church. The Clerk advised the meeting that the Church would not allow the proposed electrical work to be carried out within the church building. After a brief discussion it was **agreed** that an alternative type of Christmas decoration be purchased; e.g. solar powered lights.

Cllr. Zoe Davies advised the meeting that solar powered lights could be purchased from a popular on-line shopping website at a cost of about £40 per 150 ft string. It was **agreed** that the Clerk make suitable enquiries.

## 790. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George

790.1. It was reported that the Crossing Patrol Warden would not be replaced at Ty Sign Primary School.

## 791. Local Issues

791.1. Ty Sign Ward – concerns were expressed about increased drug and alcohol abuse at the skateboard park. It was noted that the Police had been advised.

791.2. Pontymister Upper Ward –

- Cllr. Sue Thorne reported that she had attended a One Voice Wales meeting.
- Cllr. Thorne reported that Risca Town Council had agreed to organise the Winter Fayre in Risca.
- Cllr. Thorne confirmed that the poppies had been ordered for the Sunday Cenotaph Service in November.
- The Notice board at the junction with Elm Drive and Holly Road was still damaged.

791.3. Trenwydd Ward – no issues were raised.

792.To Consider Planning Applications

- 792.1. 19/0643/FULL – Maesmawr Farm, Mountain Road, Risca – erect 3 holiday cabins, refurbish barn and associated works
- 792.2. 19/0696/FULL – 11 Mendip Close, Trenowydd Park, Risca – erect side extension and raised patio with glass balustrade
- 792.3. 19/0748/FULL – 2 Gelli Avenue, Risca – erect side and rear extension

793. Christmas Lights 2019

793.1.The following actions were agreed:-

- Meet at 5:30 and lights switched on at 6:00 pm
- Salvation Army Band will be invited to attend
- The Chairman or Vice Chairman will welcome the public
- Cllr. Deb Crahart will provide song sheets
- Refreshments provided in the hall about 6:15 to 6:30
- Father Christmas to arrive at 6:30 (Cllr Chris Thomas to ask Steve Bradbury)
- Purchase 200 selection boxes
- Cllr. Sue Thorne will sort out the tea, coffee, milk, etc
- Cllr. Chris Thomas to sort out notices with JV Graphics.

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