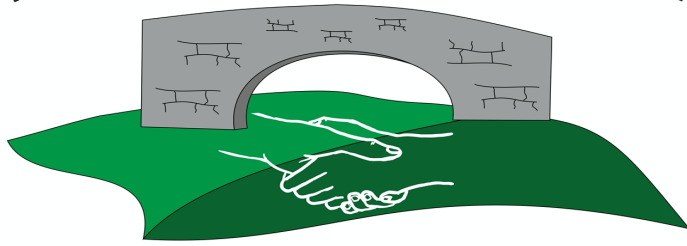


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 19th December 2019.

816. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

816.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Arianna Leonard, Deb Crahart, Rosemary Creedy, Zoe Davies, Nigel George, Philippa Leonard, Christine Thomas and Sue Thorne.

816.2. Apologies were received from Cllr Rob Derraven

816.3. Cllr. Rosemary Creedy signed the declaration of acceptance of office and received an copy of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

817. To receive representatives from the Police

817.1. Apology received from PCSO Greenhalgh

818. To receive representations from the public.

818.1. There were no matters raised by members of the public.

819. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st November 2019 were **agreed**.

820. Matters Arising

820.1. Minute 808.1 – Summer Sports Scheme – it was hoped that the organiser would be able to give an update at the January meeting.

820.2. Minutes 809.1 and 814.1 – Cllr. Nigel George reported that because of the serious problem of the lack of parking spaces on housing estates, the WLGA was considering asking the Welsh Government to consider changing the law regarding parking on pavements.

820.3. Minute 814.2 – the raised manhole cover had not been sorted out.

820.4. Minute 815.2 – a round of applause was given to Steve Bradbury for dressing up as Father Christmas on 29th November. It was also agreed to send a letter to the Salvation Army Band for attending on the 29th.

821. Clerk's Report

821.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2019/20 income and expenditure as at 19th December 2019 which showed a total spend of £14,048.95 with income received of £27,199.83 The bank balance was £42,287.75

821.2. It was agreed to consider expanding the Christmas Decorations for 2020 by using the balance of the CIL money.

822. The Clerk's schedule of correspondence was received and the actions **agreed**.
Item 822.9 – Code of Conduct Training. It was agreed that the following councillors attend: Deb Crahart, Zoe Davies, Rosemary Creedy, Chris Thomas and Rob Derraven

823. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George

823.1. Cllr. George's report included the following items:-

- Manor Way – lights turned back on
- Caerphilly County Borough Council to review its budget proposals for 2020/21 due to increased funding from the Welsh Government.

823.2. Items raised by Councillors

- Van parked on Aster Close
- Guttering on the Spar shop
- Dogs fouling the footpaths

824. Local Issues

824.1. Ty Sign Ward – the Chairman had received questions from one of the councillors regarding the interview protocol. The Chairman had subsequently contacted the Clerk for clarification. It was **agreed** that the Council's Standing Orders should be amended to include a procedure for the interviewing candidates for vacant council seats.

- Cllr. Zoe Davies reported that black bags had been dumped on Maple Avenue.
- Cllr. Deb Crahart informed the meeting that a planning application for change of use for the bungalow next to St. David's Church was to be placed with Caerphilly County Borough Council.

824.2. Pontymister Upper Ward

- Cllr Sue Thorne informed the meeting that the latest issue of the Risca Directory was available. It included an article inviting organisations to apply to the Community Council for funding.

824.3. Trenewydd Ward – no issues were raised.

825. To Consider Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman 16th January 2020