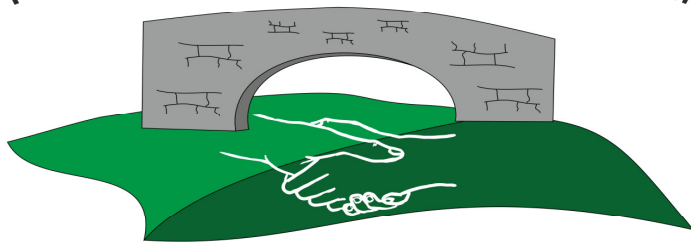


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 20th February 2014.

118. To sign the register and to receive apologies

118.1. Community Councillors present: Chairman Nigel George, John Blackburn, Mary Coles, and Shirley Hobbs

118.2. Apologies were received from Arianna Passmore. Cliff Edwards, Matthew Farrell, Darren Hobbs and Maureen Jenkins

119. There were no representatives from the Police present at the meeting.

120. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th January 2014 were **agreed**.

121. Matters arising:-

121.1. Minute 117.1 – Councillor Nigel George confirmed that this had now been resolved.

121.2. Minute 117.2 – John Blackburn reported that the Police Commissioner had confirmed that Risca Police Station would remain open.

121.3. Minute 117.3 – John Blackburn confirmed that the Royal Welsh Regiment Band could attend the joint band concert to be organised with Risca Town Council. St. Mary's Church would make an ideal venue due to the acoustics of the building. Parking facilities are good and refreshments could be provided in the Church Hall. John continued by saying that the Welsh Church Acts Fund could be a possible source of funding for the concert and he would pursue this with the Borough Council who administers the fund. It was agreed that the Clerk establish whether Caerphilly CBC contribute toward the cost of the Machen Music Festival.

121.4. Minute 117.6 – the Clerk had provided planners for each of the Councillors

121.5. Minute 117.7 – the Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Chief Engineer of Caerphilly CBC to request a 20 mph speed limit in the vicinity of the Ty Sign Primary School.

121.6. Minute 117.9 – the Clerk advised the meeting of the estimated costs of Christmas Lighting based on the costs incurred by Argoed Community Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should establish more accurate costs for the Risca East area.

122. To receive the Clerk's report.

122.1. The clerk provided an analysis of income and expenditure and confirmed a bank balance of £17,456.18 as at 20th February 2014. The report was **accepted**.

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

123.1. Councillor Shirley Hobbs declared an interest when item 123.6 was discussed and left the meeting. She returned to the meeting after the decision to make a donation had been agreed.

124. To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Nigel George

124.1. Councillor Nigel George gave an update on the Dementia Café. It was **agreed** to donate £400 toward the cost of setting up the café.

124.2. Nigel had met with the Head of Ty Sign Primary School to discuss joint ventures. It was **agreed** that the Community Council donate toward the cost of planting poppies in the school grounds. It was further **agreed** that the Community Council contribute toward the cost of School prizes for both Ty Sign Primary and Risca Comprehensive School.

124.3. The Borough Council is organising council house "swap shops" in other parts of the Borough and Nigel is requesting that a similar event is held in the Risca area.

124.4. It was **agreed** that the Community Council donate £100.00 toward the food bank in Risca.

125. To consider Planning Applications

125.1. 14/0031/TPO – Land at Moriah Hill – provide tree works to poplar, oak and sycamore protected by Tree Preservation Order 58/72/MCC

125.2. 14/0057/FULL – 18 Mount Pleasant Road, Risca – remove single storey garage and erect two storey side elevation extension and rear single storey extension

126. Any other business

126.1. Councillors were reminded that the next joint meeting with Risca Town Council is to be held at St. David's Church on Thursday 6th March at 6:00 p.m.

126.2. John Blackburn read out the reply he had received from Caerphilly CBC regarding cyclists using the Tow Path along the canal. He stated that he was not satisfied with the response.

Signed.....Chairman 20th March 2014