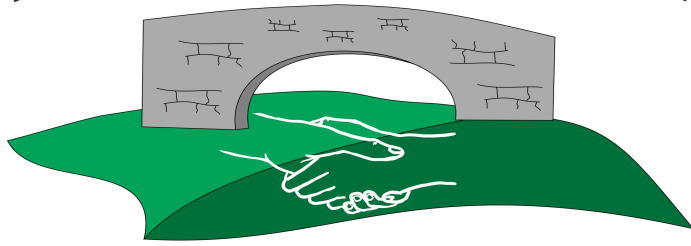


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

482. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

482.1. Community Councillors present: Arianna Leonard, Rob Derraven, Cliff Edwards, Matthew Farrell, Mary Coles, Shirley Hobbs and Nigel George

482.2. Apologies were received from John Blackburn.

482.3. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to all community councillors who are standing down at the forthcoming election.

483. To receive a report from the Police.

483.1. No Police officer was present. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Police Commissioner for Gwent complaining that no Police officers have attend a Community meeting for over a year.

484. To welcome Mr Richard Owen, Trustee of the Agape Church.

484.1. Mr Owen informed the meeting that Caerphilly County Borough Council had provided funding for a feasibility study. He showed the meeting a 1:100 scale model of the possible design for the building. It included a large multi-use hall, kitchen, restaurant/meeting area and toilets on the ground floor with more meeting rooms and toilet facilities on the first floor. The kitchen would be capable of catering for up to 90 people which meant that it could be used for wedding receptions or functions. It was possible that Caerphilly County Borough Council may use part of the building as an area Housing Office. The proposed site location is on land opposite the entrance to Snowden Close on Holly Road. The Housing Association POBL may be interested in acquiring the former channel view church site to build social housing. The business plan is to be submitted to Caerphilly County Borough Council in May. The Chair thanked Mr Owen for proving the progress report and hoped that he would speak to a future meeting to provide a further update.

485. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were **agreed**.

486. Matters Arising

486.1. Minute 474 – Clerk to follow up the letter to Caerphilly County Borough Council regarding Risca Industrial History Society.

486.2. Minute 476.1 – Cllr Matthew Farrell reported that he had been unable to speak to the shop owner on Elm Drive

487. To receive the Clerk's Report

487.1. The Clerk provided the financial statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 which showed a total spend of £26,758.50 with income of £24,742.50. The bank balance was £33,805.29

487.2. The Council accepted the Clerk's report.

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

489. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George.

489.1. Cllr George informed the meeting that there were no updates to report from the March meeting.

490. Local Issues

490.1. Ty Sign Ward – it was noted that boulders had been placed to block access to the disused garages on Holly Road. The Council was trying to get abandoned cars removed from the site.

490.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – nothing to report

490.3. Trenewydd Ward - nothing to report.

491. To consider Planning Application

491.1. 17/0233/COU – Prince of Wales & 8 Dixon Place, Risca – change of use of dwelling to form extension to adjacent Public House together with erection of decked area

Signed.....Chairman 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017