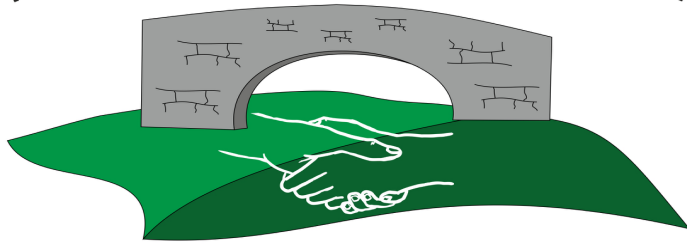


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 21st February 2019.

712. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

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

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

713. To receive representatives from the Police.

713.1. There were no representatives present at the meeting

714. To receive representations from the public.

714.1. A resident referred to the revised location of the Ty Sign Community and Resource Centre and suggested that a large sign should be placed on the new site of the resource centre. The purpose of the sign would be to show a plan of the facility; the possible users of the facility; the method of funding the development and any other information which is thought useful to the residents. It was further suggested that the sign be sufficiently large enough to be noticed and placed where the facility is proposed to be situated.

714.2. After a brief discussion, the Community Council agreed to pass these comments on to the representative from the developers of the site.

715. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th January 2019 were **agreed**.

716. Matters Arising

716.1. Minute 705.1 – Defibrillator at St. David's Church – Cllr Sue Thorne reported that the information she had originally obtained was more for fund raising rather than acquisition. The Clerk reported that he had received approval from St. David's Church to install a defibrillator on the outside of the building.

716.2. Minute 705.4 and 708.1 – The Clerk reminded the Councillors of the forthcoming joint meeting on 28th February at Bethany Church in Risca.

716.3. Clerk's Telephone – the Clerk informed the meeting that a dual-SIM phone had been purchased for £119.99 inc VAT.

716.4. The Clerk informed the meeting that St. David's Church had agreed to the planting of a living Christmas Tree in the grounds.

716.5.

717. Clerk's Report

717.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2018/19 income and expenditure as at 21st February 2019 which showed a total spend of £31,652.63 with income received to date of £25,015.51 The bank balance was £33,708

717.2. The Clerk provided a list of budget variations which needed to be approved.

717.3. The Council **agreed** to the list of budget variations and **accepted** the Clerk's report.

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

719. To receive a report from Councillor Arianna Leonard.

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

720. Local Issues

720.1. Ty Sign Ward – The Chairman commented on the continuing problem of commercial vehicles parking on the roads on Ty Sign.

Several Councillors commented on the problems being caused by the company Virgin Media who were digging up the roads and pavements to lay cables.

Several Councillors spoke about the change of a bus route which is no longer going past Hafod Y Bryn. It was thought that the possible reason was the difficulty that bus drivers were experiencing with double-parked cars and also vandalism of the buses. It was agreed to refer this to the Cllr. Nigel George.

Volunteers were being sought to help with the distribution of application forms for the food bank in Risca. The Clerk was uncertain whether the Community Council's name should appear forms and agreed to seek legal advice.

720.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr Sue Thorne spoke about the difficulties of getting the Risca Directory into all properties. It was agreed that extra copies should be placed in the TLC, St. David's Church. Etc.

Cllr Thorne mentioned the proposed closure of the Twyn Carn Day Centre in Brookland Road. This centre provided help and support for residents with learning difficulties, dementia and Alzheimer's.

720.3. Trenewydd Ward – The Chairman commented on the problem of the parking of vehicles on double yellow lines at school leaving time.

721. To Consider Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman 21st March 2019