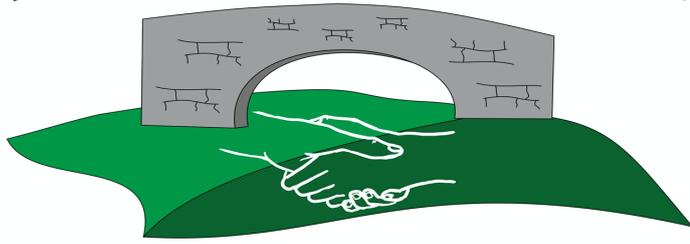


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019.

805. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

805.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Deb Crahart, Zoe Davies, Nigel George, Arianna Leonard, Philippa Leonard, Christine Thomas and Sue Thorne.

806. To consider applications for the vacant seat in Pontymister Upper Ward.

806.1. The Clerk informed the meeting of the names of the three applicants.

806.2. Cllrs. Zoe Davies and Sue Thorne declared an interest and left the meeting because they each knew one of the applicants personally.

806.3. Mrs. Rosemary Creedy was interviewed via a conference call as she could not attend the meeting due to work commitments.

806.4. Ms. Jane Burris and Mr. Steve Bradbury were present for the interview.

806.5. After interviewing each of the candidates, a discussion about the merits of each candidate then took place.

806.6. Upon a show of hands, it was agreed to co-opt Mrs. Rosemary Creedy.

807. To receive representatives from the Police

807.1. Apology received from PCSO Greenhalgh

808. To receive a report on the Summer Sports Scheme.

808.1. Unfortunately, the organiser had apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

809. To receive representations from the public.

809.1. A member of the public raised the problem of parking on the Ty Sign Estate which had become particularly difficult since the Brough Council had taken responsibility for parking enforcement. He stated that there was a severe lack of parking places especially on Elm Drive and suggested that the Borough Council consider creating parking spaces on the pavement and remove all grass verges. Cllr. Arianna Leonard explained the process for the public to request the removal of yellow lines from the roads.

809.2. Two representatives from Risca Senior Citizens Association presented a request for financial assistance. They confirmed that they had not yet approached Risca Town Council for a similar level of funding.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council contribute £680 toward the cost of the works.

810. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were **agreed**.

#### 811. Matters Arising

811.1. Minute 798.4 – Christmas Tree – the Clerk informed the meeting that the tree was due to be installed within the next day or so and the lights would be fitted in time for switching on the lights on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

811.2. Cllr. Sue Thorne reported that the Armistice Concert and Armistice Day Service had both been successful and thanked all those that had helped out.

#### 812. Clerk's Report

812.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2019/20 income and expenditure as at 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 which showed a total spend of £9,049.35 with income received of £27,199.83 The bank balance was £47,287.35.

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

Item – 813.6 – Risca Food Bank – after a brief discussion it was **agreed** to donate £1,000.00 and invite Mr. Browning to speak at the Community Council meeting in January 2020.

Item – 813.9 – Street lighting - Cllr. Nigel George informed the meeting that this problem had been resolved by the Borough Council.

Item – 813.10 – Risca Senior Citizens request for financial assistance - see minute 809.2

814. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard

814.1. Cllr. Leonard's report included the following items:-

- Complaints from residents regarding street lighting
- Complaints from residents regarding parking
- Christmas Fayre in Channel View Community Hall
- WHQS – fewer complaints received from residents about contractors

814.2. Items raised by councillors present included

- Manhole cover in lane leading to School
- Residents allowing dogs to run wild
- People sleeping rough near to Channel View Community Hall

#### 815. Local Issues

815.1. Ty Sign Ward – no issues were raised

815.2. Pontymister Upper Ward

- Cllr Sue Thorne asked if Risca East Community Council could have its own notice board in Risca Library.
- Outlined the order of events for the switching-on of the lights on 29<sup>th</sup> November.  
Volunteers needed to help wrap the selection boxes
- Thanks to Steve Bradbury for volunteering to dress up as Father Christmas.
- The Chairman thanked Sue and all those for helping to ensure that the evening would be a success.

815.3. Trenewydd Ward – no issues were raised.

816. To Consider Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019