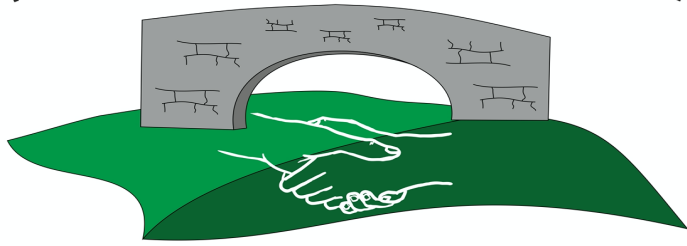


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 27th February 2020.

836. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

836.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Arianna Leonard, Deb Crahart, Philippa Leonard, Christine Thomas and Sue Thorne.

836.2. Apologies were received from Rob Derraven, Rosemary Creedy, Zoe Davies and Nigel George.

837. To receive representatives from the Police

837.1. No representatives were present at the meeting.

838. To receive representations from the public.

838.1. No members of the public were present at the meeting.

839. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th January 2020 were **agreed**.

840. Matters Arising

840.1. Minute 828.1 – Risca Food Bank – it was questioned whether the Food Bank had considered using cheaper premises for the storage of food.

840.2. Minute 830.1 – Cllrs. Rob Derraven, Chris Thomas and Deb Crahart had attended the Code of Conduct training.

840.3. Minute 830.2 – Dog Fouling of footpaths – a reply had been received from Caerphilly County Borough Council – despite the Community Council offering to pay for additional bins along the footpath, the Borough Council stated that there were already sufficient bins in place. The Borough Council had stated that the problem was the frequency of emptying the bins, which is something that cannot be resolved. The letter stated that the Enforcement Department could undertake monitoring of the area to tackle those owners who do not pick their dog waste.

840.4. Minute 830.3 – it was reported that the van in Aster Close had now been removed.

840.5. Minute 831.6 – it was agreed to discuss extending the Christmas Lights at March meeting.

841. Clerk's Report

841.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2019/20 income and expenditure as at 27th February 2020 which showed a total spend of £19,455.00 with income received of

£27,486.16 The bank balance was £37,168.03

841.2. The financial statement includes budget monitoring information which shows projected variations on the following items:-

- Affiliations – increased cost of One Voice Wales Membership - £86.00
- Insurance – projected underspend of £100.00
- Audit Fee – projected underspend of £91.45
- Room Hire – projected underspend of £134.00
- Christmas Decorations – projected underspend of £4,358.97
- Summer Sports Scheme – projected underspend of £500.00
- Music Festival – was not held resulting in saving of £2,000.00
- Summer Fayre – projected underspend of £413.18
- Armistice Service – projected underspend of £151.19

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

843. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard

843.1. Cllr. Leonard reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council had agreed an 4.7% increase on the Council Tax. She confirmed that this was one of the lowest in Wales.

844. Local Issues

844.1. Ty Sign Ward – no issues were raised

844.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr. Sue Thorne informed the meeting that the One Voice Wales meeting in January had discussed the Transport for Wales Metro proposals.

844.3. Trenewydd Ward – a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme had been set up. Vandalism of cars was a significant problem in certain streets.

845. Risca's Got Talent

845.1. The Clerk read out an email received from Cllr. Rosemary Creedy which highlighted various steps completed to date. Cllr Creedy questioned whether there was sufficient time left to complete all the tasks before the event was due to take place in June 2020 and suggested that the Council consider delaying the event until June 2021. Cllr. Philippa Leonard had requested information regarding the cost of hiring a marque.

845.2. The Clerk agreed to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council's Highways Department for more information relating to on-street parking for the event.

845.3. It was eventually agreed that it would be better to delay the event until June 2021 to give the Community Council more time to thoroughly prepare for the event.

846. To Consider Planning Applications

846.1. 20/0088/FULL – 16 Hillside, Risca - erect front porch - noted

Signed.....Chairman 19th March 2020