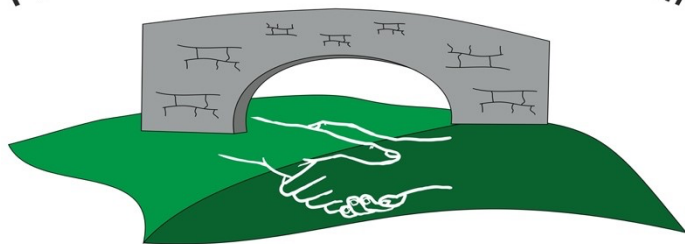


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 30th July 2020.

847. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

847.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Rosemary Creedy, Zoe Davies, Nigel George, Philippa Leonard and Christine Thomas.

847.2. Apologies were received from Deb Crahart, Arianna Leonard and Sue Thorne.

848. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th February 2020 were **agreed**.

849. Matters Arising

849.1. Minute 840.2 – Arianna Leonard and Philippa Leonard attended the Code of Conduct training session. Cllrs Rosemary Creedy and Zoe Davies asked if they could attend an future training session. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to establish when future training sessions would be held.

849.2. Minute 845 – Risca's Got Talent – it was agreed that the Council discuss this at meeting in September.

850. Clerk's Report

850.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2020/21 income and expenditure as at 30th July 2020 which showed a total spend of £3,769.46 with income received of £15,487.18 The bank balance was £45,608.04

850.2. The financial report and schedule of cheques produced by the Clerk was **agreed**.

850.3. The Clerk had previously distributed the Annual Financial Report for 2019/20 to the Council. The Council **approved** the Annual Financial Report and authorized the Chairman to sign the document.

850.4. A discussion ensued about the expansion of the Christmas lighting. The Clerk confirmed that there was a budget of up to £7,000 available for the expansion of the Christmas decorations. It was **agreed** to install new Christmas decorations at the following locations:

- Thistle Way junction with Elm Drive – 2 new decorations
- Herbert Avenue – opposite the car park and Council notice board - 2 new decorations
- Entrance to the Comprehensive School - 2 new decorations
- Entrance to Trenewydd Park - 2 new decorations
- Holly Road junction with Rowan Way - 3 new decorations

850.5. It was further **agreed** to discuss at the September meeting organising a Christmas Party when the lights are switched on in late November.

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

Item 851.3 E-mail from Cllr. Sue Thorne expressing concerns about whether the Armistice Service should go ahead in November. After a brief discussion, it was **agreed** that due to the current Corona Virus restrictions, the service could not go ahead this year.

852. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George

852.1. Cllr. George gave a brief update on the Borough Council's services during the initial Corona Virus lock-down and subsequent easing of restrictions. Un-like many local authorities in Wales, Caerphilly managed to keep Refuse Collection services running. Recycling sites had now re-opened.

852.2. Cllr Chris Thomas asked about the Borough Council policy of leaving grass cutting longer and what the public reaction had been. Cllr George replied that the response had been 50/50. Cllr Thomas expressed concern about Ragwort not being treated.

852.3. Cllr Zoe Davies reported on problems with some refuse collection rounds being missed. Cllr George explained that due to staff shortages, contract drivers had been used and not all of them were aware of the correct routes.

853. Local Issues

853.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Philippa Leonard reported that residents of Manor Way were requesting that tarmac should be used to replace the grass verges outside their houses. Cllr George suggested that she contact Caerphilly County Borough Council's Highways Department.

853.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – no issues raised

853.3. Trenewydd Ward – it was reported that concerns had been raised by residents about the activity of certain individuals. It was agreed that this was a Police matter.

854. To Consider Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman 17th September 2020

