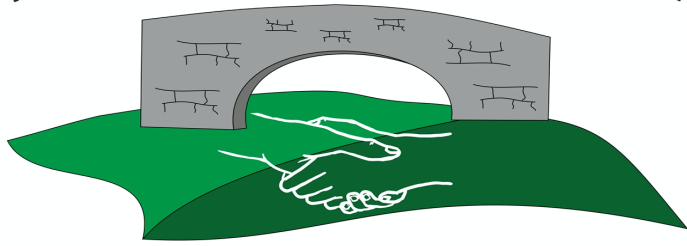


# Risca East Community Council



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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020. (Virtual meeting using MS Teams)

855. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

855.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Deb Crahart, Rosemary Creedy, Zoe Davies, Nigel George, and Christine Thomas.

855.2. Apologies were received from Arianna Leonard, Philippa Leonard and Sue Thorne.

856. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were **agreed**.

857. Matters Arising – see correspondence

858. Clerk's Report

858.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2020/21 income and expenditure as at 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 which showed a total spend of £4,435.87 with income received of £27,790.42 The bank balance was £57,244.87

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

858.3. The Clerk reported that the External Auditors had questioned the reason for the increase in the balances. He had explained that planned events had not taken place and also unexpected income from CIL had been received.

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

859.1. Item 859.5 and 859.11 Christmas lighting – The Clerk informed the meeting that the Borough Council had agreed to fitting new light sockets on columns IC726 and IC727 in Thistle Way; columns IC265 and IC266 on Holly Road; columns IC1362 and IC 1363 at entrance to Comprehensive School; column IC290 at entrance to Trenwydd Park.

Columns IC739, IC1295, IC841, IC842, IC481 and IC4579 are unsuitable for attaching Christmas Lights. Councillor Nigel George **agreed** to arrange a site visit with a street lighting engineer from Caerphilly County Borough Council to establish whether 2 more street lighting columns could be identified close to the southern border of the Risca East Community Council area – possibly close to the Welsh Oak Inn.

The Council **agreed** to installing 7 additional Christmas lights on the street lighting columns identified above.

The Council further agreed to accept the quotation from Elsbury Plant for the supply, erection and storage of Christmas lights for 2020.

It was also agreed that the lights should be switched on as close to 1<sup>st</sup> December as

possible.

After a discussion about the feasibility of organising a Christmas party on the evening of the lights being switched on, it was agreed that because of the Covid19 restrictions, it was not possible to organise a Christmas Party.

860. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard – Councillor Leonard had given her apologies for not being to attend the meeting.

#### 861. Local Issues

861.1. Ty Sign Ward – It was reported that a number of anti-social incidents on the Ty Sign Estate had been reported recently. The incidents had been reported to the Police.

861.2. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent raising the concerns of the Community Council. It was noted that other areas of the Borough are experiencing significant problems with anti-social behaviour. The Chairman said that he was going to contact the Heads of Risca Comprehensive School and Ty Sign Primary about the incidents.

861.3. Pontymister Upper Ward – no issues raised

861.4. Trenewydd Ward – no issues raised.

861.5. Councillor Deb Crahart explained that some parents were experiencing problems with providing packed lunches for their children. This is because the school is providing frozen meals and other food items which are to be eaten in the evening at home. She has contacted Risca Food Bank but they cannot help. The Chairman suggested contacting the Covid19 Group to see if they can help.

862. To Consider Planning Applications – none

863. It was agreed to invite Dawn Derraven and Tara Holloway Scott from the Covid19 Group to speak to the October meeting.

864. It was agreed that the Council's AGM would be held in November

865. It was also agreed that the October meeting should start at 6:30 instead of 7

Signed.....Chairman 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020