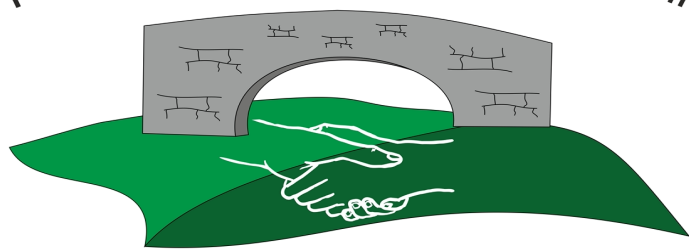


# Risca East Community Council



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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020. (Virtual meeting using MS Teams)

882. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

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

883. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were **agreed**.

884. Matters Arising

884.1. Minute 867 – Neighbourhood App – Cllr Sue Thorne reported that she had used the App and it appeared to be OK

884.2. Minute 873.2 – Parking at Ty Sign Primary School – it was reported that this is still a serious problem. Cllr Nigel George reported that the Traffic Warden had visited the site. He said that he would try to get the traffic warden back.

884.3. Minute 869.1 – Cllr Christine Thomas proposed that the Community Council donate selection boxes to the St. David's Food Bank and the Trussell Trust Food Bank as the Council could not organize an event when the Christmas lights are turned on in early December. It was **agreed** that the Council purchase 300 selection boxes to distribute as proposed by Cllr Thomas. Cllr Zoe Davies very kindly offered to purchase the selection boxes and deliver them to the two organisations.

884.4. Minute 873.3 – Notice Board – it was **agreed** to have a new notice board installed at a new location to replace the damaged one. It was further **agreed** that the Clerk should contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to request that a notice board be installed in Risca Library for Risca East Community Council to use.

885. To receive representatives from TLC.

885.1. The Chairman welcomed Jane Burris and Shirley Hobbs to the meeting.

885.2. They explained that they had taken over the TLC a few months ago. The kitchen had been replaced, flooring needed to be re-laid, heaters were broken and various other works such as storage shelving were needed to be carried out.

885.3. It was hoped that the TLC would open 6 days a week once enough volunteers were prepared to help out.

885.4. Due to Covid19 restrictions they would provide a takeaway service only initially.

885.5. The Chairman thanked them for attending the meeting and explained that their

application for funding would be considered later in the meeting.

## 886. Clerk's Report

886.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2020/21 income and expenditure as at 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 which showed a total spend of £8,777.63 with income received of £27,790.42 The bank balance was £52,903.11

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

886.3. Cllr Nigel George suggested that the Clerk contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to establish whether expenditure on Christmas lighting was allowed to be charged against the CIL Budget.

886.4. It was **agreed** to donate £1,000 to the Risca Branch of the Royal British Legion.

886.5. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should make enquiries with the British Heart Foundation about the installation of a defibrillator outside the shops in Ty Sign.

886.6. It was further **agreed** that the Clerk should contact St. David's Church to establish whether they were still prepared to have a defibrillator fitted to the outside of the Church.

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

- Item 887.6 – request for funding from Risca Senior Citizens' Association.  
Cllr Christine Thomas declared an interest and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. The Clerk read out the association's application form. It was noted that Risca Town council had been requested to make a similar financial contribution. The Clerk also advised the meeting that the association was requesting a further £2,500 towards the cost of renewing the walls in the kitchen. After a brief discussion, it was **agreed** to make a payment of £7,500.
- Item 887.7 – request for funding from TLC  
Cllr Zoe Davies declared an interest and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. The Clerk read out the TLC application form. After a brief discussion, it was **agreed** to make a payment of £10,000, Cllr Rosemary Creedy abstained from voting on this item.
- Item 887.8 – Covid19 Support Group request for financial assistance  
Cllrs Rob Derraven and Philippa Leonard declared an interest and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. The Clerk read out the application for £19,000 to buy a mini bus. Cllr Rosemary Creedy wanted to know what would happen to the assets at the end of the project. After various other concerns were raised, it was **agreed** to invite the representatives to attend the December meeting to answer various questions. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would send all councillors a copy of the application form. It was further **agreed** that councillors would submit their questions to the Clerk no later than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November so that he could then forward them to the Covid19 Group trustees.  
The Council **agreed** in principle to providing financial support for the Group.

As a general principle it was **agreed** that all organisations that successfully receive financial support must give written agreement that they will provide copies of receipts for all work carried out and/or all purchases made.

888. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard

888.1. Cllr Leonard said that Caerphilly County Borough Council was organizing Operation Santa. The idea was for residents to donate presents for children. The Borough Council's

social workers would distribute the presents to the children. She added that Risca Leisure Centre was being used as a collection point. The Library Service was allowing book collection for residents by prior appointment.

889. Local Issues

- 889.1. Ty Sign Ward – no issues raised
- 889.2. Pontymister Upper – no issues raised
- 889.3. Trenewydd – no issues raised

890. To Consider Planning Applications – none

Signed.....Chairman 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020