

## RISCA EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

891. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

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

892. To receive representatives from the RCVUK (Risca CV19 Volunteers)

892.1. The Chairman declared an interest.

892.2. Cllr Deb Crahart and Philippa Leonard declared an interest. They wished to take part in the discussion but not take part in the vote.

892.3. Cllr Arianna Leonard declared that she had a personal interest but the interest was not prejudicial (based on advice from Caerphilly County Borough Council's Monitoring Officer).

892.4. Cllr Nigel George declared that he helped the organisation but had no financial interest.

892.5. Cllrs Zoe Davies and Chris Thomas declared that they had been volunteers with the organisation but were no longer and therefore could take part in the discussion and vote.

892.6. Ms. Dawn Derraven and Ms. Tania Holloway Scott were welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. They gave a Power Point presentation which addressed all the questions previously raised by the council.

892.7. At this point, the Chairman declared an interest and left the meeting and Cllr Arianna Leonard took the Chair.

892.8. Many councillors thanked the two representatives for their excellent presentation.

892.9. The representatives were asked if the organisation had received funding from any other council. They confirmed that they had not received any other funding in respect of the purchase of the minibus.

892.10. Cllr Rosemary Creedy asked if there would be further requests for funding in future years. The Clerk advised the meeting that subsequent requests for funding in future financial years would be considered on their own merits.

892.11. The Vice Chairman thanked the representatives for attending the meeting.

892.12. Cllr Nigel George left the meeting at this point due to prior commitments elsewhere.

892.13. The Chairman re-joined the meeting.

893. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were **agreed**.

894. Matters Arising

894.1. Minute 884.3 – Selection boxes – Cllr Zoe Davies confirmed that she had purchased the

selection boxes and the Clerk had reimbursed her costs.

- 894.2. Minute 884.4 – Notice Board – the Clerk confirmed that he had been provided with details of the proposed location close to the Trenewydd Park entrance. He needed to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to establish ownership of the land and whether planning approval was needed.
- 894.3. Minute 884.2 – Cllr Nigel George had previously reported that the traffic warden had been “blitzing” the area. He had added that the Borough Council was to investigate yellow lines on Thistle Way.
- 894.4. Minute 886.3 – Use of CIL funding – The Clerk informed the meeting that CIL money was to be spent on infrastructure such as the purchase of new Christmas Lighting but not on revenue costs such as the supply of electricity.
- 894.5. Minute 886.5 – The Clerk informed the meeting that due to the current Covid19 restrictions and shortage of funding, the British Heart Foundation could not provide any financial assistance toward the cost.
- 894.6. Minute 886.6 – The Clerk confirmed that approval had been given by St. David’s Church with the proviso that the Community Council would make good any damage resulting from the installation of the defibrillator and all subsequent energy costs.

#### 895. Clerk’s Financial Report

895.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2020/21 income and expenditure as at 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 which showed a total spend of £28,161.58 with income received of £27,790.42 The bank balance was £33,519.16

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

895.3. At this point, Cllrs Rob Derraven, Philippa Leonard and Deb Crahart left the meeting. Cllr. Ariana Leonard took the Chair.

895.4. To discuss the application for funding from RCVUK (Risca CV19 Volunteers).

- Cllr Rosemary Creedy proposed that the Council approve the application for the purchase of a minibus but not for the funding of the insurance for the minibus. This would mean making a donation of £16,000. Cllr Zoe Davies seconded this proposal.
- The votes in favour of the proposal were as follows:  
In favour: Councillors Rosemary Creedy, Zoe Davies, Sue Thorne and Arianna Leonard  
Abstained: Councillor Christine Thomas

Cllrs Rob Derraven, Philippa Leonard and Deb Crahart re-joined the meeting.

895.5. To consider the Auditors report relating to the 2019/20 Annual Return.

The Clerk reported that the Auditors had raised three issues. The Council considered the issues raised and **agreed** the following actions.

- Trust Fund Disclosure Notice – Required action – The Clerk will **ensure** that all boxes are completed in future years.
- Reserves – Required action – The Council **agrees** to review its balances and ensure that all significant balances are earmarked for specific purposes.
- Expenditure Powers – Required action – The Council agrees that it will ensure to review its list of statutory powers to ensure that Section 137 is used correctly.

896. The Clerk’s schedule of correspondence was received and the actions **agreed**.

- Item 896.3 – Cllrs Christine Thomas and Zoe Davies provided a list of organisations which could be contacted to offer financial support from the Community Council.

The Clerk stated that the Council should not be actively seeking out individual organisations to offer funding. It was pointed out that the Council advertises on Facebook, on its website and in the Risca Directory newsletter that funding is available for organisations

897. To receive a report from Councillor Arianna Leonard

897.1. Cllr Leonard explained that there were no new issues to report to the meeting.

898. Local Issues

898.1. Ty Sign Ward – no issues raised

898.2. Pontymister Upper – a car had been damaged on Holly Road/High Trees. The PCSO was aware of the incident.

898.3. Trenewydd – Cllr Deb Crahart commented on the serious problem of cars parking on the footpath particularly on Channel View.

899. To Consider Planning Applications – none

Signed.....Chairman 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021