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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 18th February 2021. (Virtual meeting using MS Teams)

910. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

910.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Nigel George, Deb Crahart, Rosemary Creedy, Zoe Davies, Philippa Leonard and Christine Thomas.

910.2. Apologies were received from Rob Derraven, Arianna Leonard and Sue Thorne

910.3. In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr. Nigel George chaired the meeting.

911. To receive an update on the proposed Community Hall and Resource Centre.

911.1. The Clerk read out an e-mail received from Mr. Richard Owen.

911.2. Cllr Zoe Davies gave the background to her objections as a Trustee of the TLC to the revised plan.

911.3. Cllr Philippa Leonard had attended the Planning Committee but was advised by the Borough Council's Monitoring Officer that she could not speak because of a conflict of interest. Cllr Nigel George had been given similar advise. Cllr George reminded the meeting that the Planning Application had been approved previously and the meeting held on 17th February was only to discuss alterations to the road access.

912. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st January 2021 were **agreed**.

913. Matters Arising

913.1. Minute 901.1 – it was agreed to defer the new Grant Application Form until the next meeting.

913.2. Minute 903.2 (minute 894.5 and 894.6) – installation of Defibrillator at St. David's Church – Cllr Deb Crahart agreed to liaise with the electrical contractor to arrange an inspection of the Church.

913.3. Minute 903.4 (minute 896.3) – letter to organisations – Cllr Chris Thomas had provided a list of names and addresses for the Clerk.

913.4. Minute 906.3 – Dewi Sant, St. David's Church – application for funding – the Clerk advised the meeting that he hadn't received the requested information from the organisation.

913.5. Minute 907.2 – Community Empowerment Fund – Cllr Rosemary Creedy asked Cllr George to clarify the match funding requirements. Cllr George explained that the precise details had not yet been finalized by the Borough Council.

914. Clerk's Financial Report

914.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2020/21 income and expenditure as at 18th February 2021 which showed a total spend of £47,655.00 with income received of £28,790.42 The bank balance was £15,025.74

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

914.3. Cllr Zoe Davies informed the meeting that the work at TLC had been delayed due to an collapsed ceiling at the rear of the building.

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

915.1. Items 915.4 and 915.10 – Quotations for defibrillator at St. David's Church. It was agreed to accept the quotation from Welshhearts for £1425.00 + VAT

916. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard

916.1. Councillor Leonard gave a comprehensive update on the Covid19 Vaccination Programme in Caerphilly.

916.2. 2nd Replacement Local Development Plan – the Borough Council is holding an MSTeams meeting on 25th February and all Community Councillors are invited to attend. The Clerk forwarded the link to all Community Councillors.

917. Local Issues

917.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Zoe Davies elaborated on the TLC objections to the proposed Community Hall and Resource Centre. It was felt that the road width of Rowan Road was too narrow to accommodate the access to the proposed Hall and the steps access was in the wrong position with no ramp access for disabled visitors provided on the plan.

917.2. Pontymister Upper – no issue raised

917.3. Trenwydd – no issues raised

918. To Consider Planning Applications – none

919. Start time of future meetings

919.1. The Clerk explained that some Councillors were having problems attending a 7:00 pm meeting.

919.2. It was agreed:-

- Defer the decision regarding future meetings until the March meeting when hopefully all councillors will be in attendance.
- The March meeting to start at 6:30

Signed.....Chairman 15th March 2021