

RISCA EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

920. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

920.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Deb Crahart, Rosemary Creedy and Sue Thorne

920.2. Apologies were received from, Nigel George, Zoe Davies, Philippa Leonard, Arianna Leonard and Christine Thomas

921. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th February 2021 were **agreed**.

922. Matters Arising

922.1. New Notice Board - it was agreed that

- the notice board should be located on land near the entrance to the school/leisure centre car park
- the Clerk should establish the following
 - * the ownership of the land
 - * whether planning permission was required
 - * the cost of new notice board

922.2. LDP Update – the Chairman reported that the virtual meeting organised by Caerphilly County Borough Council had been very beneficial. Cllr Rosemary Creedy agreed with this view.

- it was agreed that Risca East Community Council should get involved in the process
- The possibility of an open air meeting was considered to encourage the public to get involved
- Councillors should bring forward ideas such as pocket parks, bulb planting and creation of flower beds.

922.3. Empowerment Fund – matched funding – Councillors wanted to know how much money was involved and was the funding per ward or per Borough Councillor and what were the time scales.

922.4. Minute 913.1 - Grant Application Forms – due to there being only four councillors present at the meeting it was agreed to defer making an decision until the April meeting.

922.5. Minute 913.2 – Installation of a Defibrillator - Cllr Deb Crahart informed the meeting that she had arranged to meet with the electrical contractor at St. David's Church

922.6. Minute 913.4 – Dewi Sant. St. David's Church – it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Secretary with the list of questions raised previously by councillors.

923. Clerk's Financial Report

923.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2020/21 income and expenditure as at 18th March 2021 which showed a total spend of £48,555.31 with income received of £28,790.42 The bank balance was £14,125.43

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

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

- Item 924.8 – Risca Town Council –subject to funding being available, it was agreed in principal to joint fund of the following
 - * a new power supply for both local memorial gardens for use on Armistice weekends
 - * a new flagpole at Darren Memorial Garden

925. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard

925.1. Due to apologies being received from all three Borough Councillors, there was no report to consider.

926. Local Issues

926.1. Ty Sign Ward –

- The Chairman reported that the Covid19 support group had purchased a minibus for £16,000
- Councillor Deb Crahart reported that the new Community facility would soon be available at St. David's Church
- Councillor Sue Thorne reported the cyclists were damaging a section of the canal bank in the area of Elm Drive/Gelli Avenue.

926.2. Pontymister Upper – no issue raised

926.3. Trenewydd – no issues raised

927. To Consider Planning Applications

927.1. Case number 21/0091 – 16 Herbert Avenue, Pontymister – erect a front porch - noted

Signed.....Chairman 15th April 2021