

## RISCA EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021. (Virtual meeting using MS Teams)

949. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

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

950. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were **agreed**.

951. Matters Arising

951.1. Minute 929 – Resignation of Clerk - it was **agreed** that the interviews would take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7 pm at St. David's Church. The interview panel would consist of the Chairman together with Councillors Deb Crahart and Zoe Davies. Councillor Rosemary Creedy said that she would submit questions for the interviewees to the Clerk.

951.2. Minute 931.1 – Notice Boards – the Clerk informed the meeting that he had written to Caerphilly County Borough Council to establish whether planning permission was needed and whether the Borough Council owned the land.

951.3. Minute 931.2 - Empowerment Fund – Councillor George informed the meeting that the scheme still hadn't been finalized

951.4. Minute 931.3 - Grant Application Forms – the Clerk advised the meeting that the introduction of the new form had been implemented.

951.5. Minute 932.2 – the Clerk informed the meeting that the CIL balance was £2,382.80

951.6. Minute 934 – anti-social behaviour – Councillor Zoe Davies informed the meeting that she was awaiting details about a team which was going out to youth clubs and other facilities.

951.7. Minute 935 – The Chairman informed the meeting that the COVID19 Team minibus had an advert on it stating “donated by Risca East Community Council”

951.8. Minute 938 – car parking charges – Councillor Philippa Leonard informed the meeting that the Borough Council had no intention of introducing car parking charges at the Herbert Avenue Car Park.

951.9. Minute 937 – Manor Way – it was reported that the grass verges on Manor Way were being removed to facilitate car parking for the residents.

951.10. Minute 939.2 – Councillor Zoe Davies reported that the Borough Council had mowed the Snowden Close meadow after it had been planted with sunflower seeds.

951.11. Minute 939.2 – benches at Hafod-Y-Bryn – Councillor Nigel George agreed to visit the Complex to establish how many benches were needed. Councillor Deb Crahart suggested that benches should be installed on land opposite Channel View Hall and in the field at the bottom of Herbert Avenue next to the Park.

952. Clerk's Financial Report

952.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2021/22 income and expenditure as at 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 which showed a total spend of £818.62 with income received of £13,422.92

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The bank balance was £21,908.75.

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

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

- Item 953.3 – St. David's Church, re-building boundary wall – Councillor Deb Crahart informed the meeting that quotations were being sought. The Clerk informed the meeting that he needed to seek advice on the legality of making such a payment.
- Item 953.4 - Risca Park Toilets. It was **agreed** that the Council would contribute £2,500 towards the cost of the toilets. It was also noted that the Council would need to budget for an ongoing commitment in future years.
- Item 953.5 – Risca RBL – **agreed** to donate £300.00
- Retired Police Dogs – after a vote of 8 in favour and 1 abstention, it was **agreed** to donate £500.

954. To receive a report from Councillor Arianna Leonard

954.1. Councillor Leonard reported that a litter pick had taken place this week and another was planned in two weeks time.

954.2. COVID-19 vaccinations for people over 30 were being carried out.

954.3. Gyms and Leisure Centres were starting to open up.

954.4. The COVID-19 support group had established a base in Channel View Hall. Councillor Philippa Leonard suggested that a sign should be put up on the outside of the Hall.

955. Local Issues

955.1. Ty Sign Ward –

- Councillor Zoe Davies reported that the TLC roof was being repaired and it was due to be opened to the public on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. She reported that there was a problem with flytipping at Almond Avenue garages. Councillor Rosemary Creedy asked what the Community Council could do about the problem. The Chairman said that councillors and residents should be vigilant and make a note of vehicle registration numbers if they witness the incident and report the information to the Police.

955.2. Pontymister Upper – nothing to report

955.3. Trenewydd – nothing to report

956. To Consider Planning Applications - none

957. The possibility of holding future meetings in St. David's Church was discussed but it was eventually decided to keep to virtual meetings for the present.

Signed.....Chairman 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

