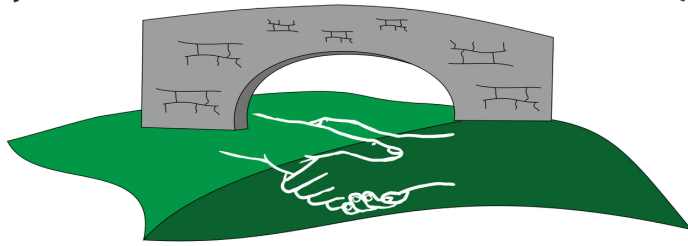


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 15th February 2018.

589. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

589.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, John Blackburn, Dai Davies, Nigel George, Philippa Leonard, Sue Thorne and Ed Hodge.

589.2. Apologies were received from Councillors Zoe Davies and Arianna Leonard

589.3. The meeting congratulated Cllr Arianna Leonard on the birth of her son.

589.4. Cllr Hodge said that he had to resign as a Community Councillor because he was moving to Newport. Cllr Hodge was thanked for his time with the Community Council and it was agreed by all that he would be greatly missed.

590. To receive representatives from the Police.

590.1. There were no Police Officers present.

591. To receive a presentation from Mr. Mark Jones.

591.1. Mr. Jones had been invited to speak about two charities that he worked with. The first was Christians Against Poverty (CAP). The charity had been started in Coventry over 20 years ago. It helped anybody in debt and provided debt counselling. It gave advice on how to control spending. He explained that the Agape, Moriah and Bethesda Churches jointly funded the CAP Debt Centre. It gave face to face visits in persons' homes and the advice was completely free. He added that the CAP organisation was endorsed by Martin Lewis, the TV Money Expert. 93% of people who had been supported by CAP remained debt free. They had helped 46 referrals in Risca, of which 10 were from Risca East. The budget for the current year was over £16,000: £13,750 being provided by the churches and the remainder funded from donations.

591.2. Mr. Jones then went on to explain the help provided by Street Pastors. He showed the meeting a typical Street Pastor's back pack which was used to help people. It included items such as temporary shoes, water and lollipops mainly given to people that had had too much to drink. He explained that the Ascension Trust funded the back pack equipment.

591.3. The Chairman thanked Mr. Jones for speaking to the meeting.

591.4. After Mr. Jones had left the meeting, it was **agreed** to donate £650 to the CAP Debt Centre. This represented 25% of the budget deficit. It was further **agreed** to donate £250 to the Risca Street Pastors.

592. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th January 2018 were **agreed**.

593. Matters Arising - none

594. Clerk's Report

594.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2017/18 income and expenditure as at 15th February 2018 which showed a total spend of £16,543.09 with income received to date of £25,711.19. The bank balance was £42,973.39

594.2. The Council **accepted** the Clerk's report.

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

Item 595.3 – Community Resource Centre.

- Cllr Nigel George declared an interest and left the meeting. A discussion ensued about the project. Concerns were expressed about the impact that the project may have on the Ty Sign Methodist Church. The Community Council **agreed** to re-affirm its support for the project. It **agreed** to delay making an decision on providing financial support until after the Caerphilly County Borough Council meeting in March. The Community Council would also want sight of the findings of the public consultation.

596. Risca East/Risca Town joint meeting.

596.1. It was **agreed** that the proposed joint meeting for 22nd February be cancelled.

596.2. It was **agreed** that the 2017 Pantomime ticket sales should not be returned to the production company but should be retained by the Community Council.

596.3. It was reported that the Chairman of Risca Town Council had already provisionally booked the production company for the 2018 Pantomime. Cllr John Blackburn pointed out that all decisions regarding projects must be made jointly. Cllr Blackburn proposed, in view of the unilateral decision made by Risca Town Council, that Risca East Community Council does not support the 2018 Pantomime. This was **agreed**.

596.4. Armistice Concert – it was **agreed** that the tickets sales and donations received at the concert be donated to Risca RBL.

596.5. Armistice Parade – it was **agreed** to pay 50% of the Risca RBL Insurance premium.

596.6. Risca RBL Poppies on lighting columns – the Community Council re-affirmed its previous decision to **agree** to pay up to £200 towards the cost.

597. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George

597.1. No report was provided

598. Local Issues

598.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Sue Thorne commented on concerns recorded on the Community Council's Facebook page regarding fly tipping. It was agreed that this should be referred to Cllr Nigel George.

598.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr Dai Davies spoke of the lack of dropped kerbs on Gelli Avenue. It was agreed that this should be referred to Cllr. Nigel George.

598.3. Trenewydd Ward – nothing reported

599. To Consider Planning Applications

599.1. 18/0064/FULL – 1 Cleveland Drive, Trenewydd Park, Risca – erect single storey rear extension to provide family room

Signed.....Chairman 15th March 2018