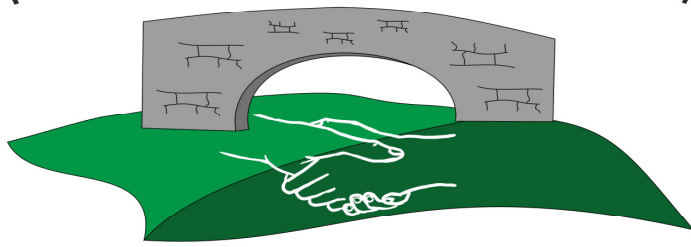


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

248. To sign the register and to receive apologies

248.1. Community Councillors present: Chairman Nigel George, John Blackburn, Mary Coles, Cliff Edwards, Darren Hobbs, Shirley Hobbs, Maureen Jenkins and Matthew Farrell.

248.2. Apologies were received from Arianna Passmore.

249. To receive a report from the Police representative PCSOs Paul Salter.

249.1. Paul provided a list of the priority concerns that had been identified for the area:

- Anti-Social behaviour
- Drugs
- Youth nuisance
- Parking
- Speeding
- Dog fouling

The meeting agreed that the main priorities should be youth nuisance, speeding and parking.

Cllr Nigel George reported that the residents of Herbert Avenue were still complaining about the problems with parking.

Cllr Shirley Hobbs reported that off-road bikers were using the nature trail. Paul Salter said that a meeting with the Police Inspector for the area was planned in the near future.

250. To receive representations from members of the public.

250.1. The Chairman welcomed Jo Clifford from the TLC. Jo explained the aims and objectives of the organisation and provided a document explaining the activities to date and the projects planned for the future. She also detailed the various funding raising activities and grant funding that had been sought. After a series of questions and answers, the Chairman thanked Jo for attending the meeting.

251. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were **agreed**.

252. Matters arising:

252.1. Minute 242.2 – Kidney Wales Foundation – it was agreed that the Community Council consider giving a donation to the organisation.

- 252.2. Minute 235.2 – erection of blue plaque – Cllr George had been in touch with the officer responsible in Caerphilly County Borough Council.
- 252.3. Minute 246.1 – Garages at Ty Sign – work is still continuing. There are problems with obtaining the keys to some of the garages.
- 252.4. Minute 246.2 – Road junction near The Welsh Oak – Cllr George reported that the residents were against the idea of a “no left turn” sign.
- 252.5. Minute 246.2 – Cllr George to raise the question of CRB checks for school governors with the CEO of Caerphilly County Borough Council

### 253. To receive the Clerk’s Report

253.1. The Clerk provided an analysis of income and expenditure and confirmed a bank balance of £25,485.76 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. The report was **accepted**.

#### 253.2. Request for financial assistance from TLC

Cllrs Nigel George, Shirley Hobbs and Mary Coles declared an interest and left the meeting.

The TLC was requesting a grant of £1,500 to assist with the funding of the coordinator. After a brief discussion it was **agreed** to give a grant of £1,500

### 254. The Clerk’s schedule of correspondence was received and actions **agreed**.

254.1. With regard to item 254.3 – contribution toward the cost of planting poppies - the Council agreed in principle to the payment but required more information from Risca Town Council.

### 255. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George

255.1. Councillor George reported that the Civic Amenity Site at Crosskeys is to be closed on Sundays as part of the Borough Council’s cut backs.

255.2. He referred to the planned disposal of the Risca Miner’s Institute. Cllr John Blackburn informed the meeting that he had written to a couple of the A.M.s about this building. He felt that the Borough Council had neglected the Grade 2 listed building over a number of years.

255.3. Cllr George stated that the Risca Town Centre Management Committee was poorly attended – in fact the meeting had been inquorate for the last few meetings. He asked the Council to reaffirm its delegates. Cllr Darren Hobbs agreed to remain as the Community Council delegate along with Cllr Cliff Edwards.

### 256. Local Issues

#### 256.1. Ty Sign Ward –

- Cllr Shirley Hobbs asked about the land at Snowden Close. Cllr George said that it is to be included in the LDP as housing land. It is up to the residents to object to the LDP.

#### 256.2. Pontymister Upper Ward –

- Cllr John Blackburn reported that the last Risca East/Risca Town Joint meeting was inquorate. He was concerned that things could be agreed with only a small number of councillors present. He also felt that a constitution should be drawn up defining things such as the terms of reference and quorum for the joint meeting. Cllr George said that it was an informal meeting and did not require a constitution. All discussions at the meeting had to be agreed by both Risca East Community and Risca Town Councils. He agreed to speak to the Chairman of Risca Town Council about the concerns

expressed.

256.3. Trenewydd Ward – nothing raised

257. To consider Planning Applications

257.1. 15/0030/FULL – 25 Malvern Close, Trenewydd Park – replace front porch and dormer window

257.2. Former Masalla Junction, Manor Road – erect a first floor residential apartment to existing single-storey A3 hot food take-away premises

Signed.....Chairman 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015