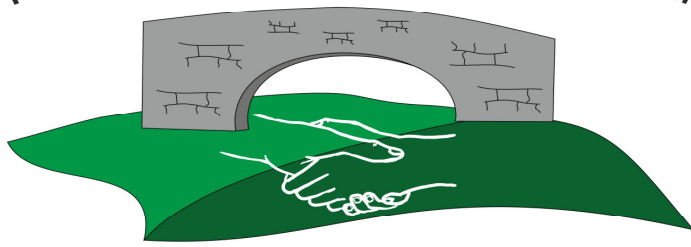


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 16th July 2015.

285. To sign the register and to receive apologies

285.1. Community Councillors present: Chairman John Blackburn, Mary Coles, Nigel George, Shirley Hobbs, Maureen Jenkins and Arianna Passmore

285.2. Apologies were received from Cliff Edwards, Matthew Farrell and Darren Hobbs.

286. To receive a report from the Police representative.

286.1. The Chairman welcomed Inspector Carl Williams to the meeting.

Inspector Williams explained that he was recently appointed Inspector for the Blackwood and Risca area. He said that there had been 446 reported crimes for the Risca area between the months of January and June this year. There were 9.73 crimes per 1,000 population in Risca which is the lowest figure for the Blackwood/Risca area.

Gwent Police have changed the method of recording crimes which may well show a statistical increase in the crimes committed.

A councillor asked about the incidences of the supplying and taking of illegal drugs.

Inspector Williams said that the Police Liaison Officers in schools were discussing drug abuse with children.

He continued by saying that dispersal notices have been issued to try and stop groups of youngsters drinking alcohol on the streets. Also, the police were confiscating alcohol from the youngsters. He added that the Police always act on intelligence received regarding shops supplying alcohol to underage drinkers.

Inspector Williams finished by saying that he would endeavor to attend the Community Council meetings on at least a quarterly basis.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Williams for attending the meeting.

287. To receive representations from members of the public.

287.1. A member of the public raised concerns about ball games being played outside the top shops on Elm Drive. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Caerphilly County Borough Council requesting a "No Ball Games" sign be erected in the car park.

287.2. The Chairman welcomed Mr Mike Halford from the HCPT Group to the meeting. Mike played a DVD showing the activities of the charity during a recent visit to Lourdes. The Chairman thanked Mike and his colleagues from the HCPT group for their time and effort in helping the young people.

It was **agreed** to donate £1,500 toward to cost of sending 2 children to Lourdes.

288. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th June 2015 were **agreed**.

289. Matters arising:

289.1. Minute 269.1 – The Chairman reported that the owner of the property would not permit the erection of the plaque on the front of her property.

289.2. Applause Group – it was agreed to invite a representative from the organisation to speak to the September meeting.

290. To receive the Clerk's Report

290.1. The Clerk provided an analysis of income and expenditure and confirmed a bank balance of £34,267.39 as at 16th July 2015. The report was **accepted**.

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

292. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George

292.1. Cllr George reported that the Borough Council has deferred the decision regarding the land at Snowden Close. It had been suggested that the land be designated a village green but Cllr George didn't think this would be successful.

292.2. Cllr George reported that the MUGA kick-wall was due to be constructed within the next few months. £20,000 was available toward the cost of constructing the skateboard park.

292.3. The Chairman raised concerns about the possible loss of allotments. Cllr George said that a Federation had been set up to run the allotments in the area.

293. Local Issues

293.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Mary Coles reported the lights in Aster Close were obscured by trees. Cllr Shirley Hobbs reported that the steps at Birchgrove needed cleaning

293.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – The Chairman had recently attended the Caerphilly County Borough Council's Mayor's Charity Launch. It was agreed that the Community Council donate £400 to the Mayor's Charity.

293.3. Trenewydd Ward – Cllr Arianna Passmore asked that "Dogs must be kept on Lead" signs be placed in Risca Town Park.

294. Joint Meeting with Risca Town Council - the Chairman presented a revised Partnership Agreement which he felt better suited the nature of the joint working arrangements that the two Councils had with each other. The meeting agreed his proposed document and it was agreed that this be submitted to the next joint meeting with Risca Town Council.

295. To consider Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman 17th September 2015