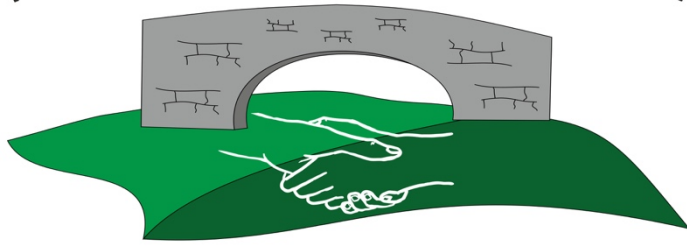


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 16th September 2018.

665. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

665.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Zoe Davies, Dawn Derraven, Arianna Leonard, Philippa Leonard and Sue Thorne

665.2. Apologies were received from Councillors John Blackburn and Nigel George

666. To consider applications for the vacant seat in the Ty Sign Ward.

666.1. The Clerk advised the meeting that four applications had been received. One person had texted prior to the meeting to apologise for not being to get to the meeting because they were stuck in traffic. Another person had not arrived.

666.2. It was agreed to interview the two remaining applicants.

666.3. Each of the applicants was given the opportunity to give a brief presentation about their experiences and why they wished to be a Community Councillor.

666.4. Upon a show of hands, it was unanimously agreed that Ms. Deborah Crahart be co-opted as the Community Councillor for the Ty Sign Ward.

667. To receive representatives from the Police.

667.1. The Chairman welcomed PCSOs Paul Salter and Louise Jenkins to the meeting.

667.2. PCSO Slater reported that “boy racers” were becoming a real problem in the Risca area. Tesco’s have agreed to shut the barriers on Sundays – the car park is a popular place for the “boy racers” to congregate. The PCSO’s will continue to co-operate with the traffic police stopping drivers to check documents, vehicles, etc.

667.3. PCSO Slater presented the results of a recent speed survey which had been carried out. The need for speed bumps on Holly Road was stressed – Caerphilly County Borough Council claim that they cannot be installed because of emergency vehicles using the road.

667.4. It was stated that any problems experienced with 101 calls should be reported by accessing the Police website to complain about the service.

667.5. A pilot scheme of “mini police” is being carried out in Ty Sign and Waunfawr Schools.

667.6. The Chairman allowed a member of the public to raise his concerns about the problem of residents’ work vehicles being brought home and being parked close to their properties. The vehicles are blocking footpaths and junctions. He quoted specific examples about vehicles with trailers, concrete mixers and B.T. Vans being parked inconsiderately by their drivers. He had contacted Caerphilly County Borough Council Highways Department but had been told that the Council cannot do anything about the problem. PCSO Slater said that tickets were being issued where vehicles were parked illegally.

667.7. The Chairman explained that Risca East Community Council had no jurisdiction but

could call on Caerphilly County Borough Council to introduce by-laws.

667.8. Cllr Dawn Derraven referred to recent anti-social behaviour that had occurred on 4th/5th August. She asked whether CCTV was available. PCSO Slater confirmed that CCTV footage was available but no sound was recorded. PCSO Jenkins confirmed that one person had been arrested and ASBO referrals had also been carried out.

667.9. PCSO Slater confirmed that the next Police Surgery would take place on 27th September at 10 am.

668. To receive representations from the public – discussed during the Police report.

669. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th July 2018 were **agreed**.

670. Matters Arising

670.1. Minute 657.3 – Abuse towards Community Councillors on Facebook – The Chairman had previously agreed to contact the administrator of the Facebook page to get the item removed. He had not received any response to his request. It was reported that the page was a “closed group” so Community Councillors could not access it.

670.2. Minute 658.2 – Skate Board Park – it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Councillor George asking him to resolve the issue (see minute 671.3)

670.3. Minute 659 (658.6) the organisation had provided the Clerk with a copy of the invoice from the bus company.

670.4. Minute 661.3 – Cllr. Philippa Leonard advised the meeting that the replacement benches still have not been installed. It was possible that this may be included within the remit of the WHQS programme.

671. Clerk's Report

671.1. The Clerk reported that the External Auditors, BDO LLP had completed their audit of the 2017/18 accounts and had stated that the accounts were in accordance with proper practices. They had issued the Notice of Completion of Audit which the Clerk had advertised on the Community Council's website and also the notice boards. The Auditor's recommendation that the Council ensure in future years that it reviews the list of statutory powers available to the Council to establish if a power exists before relying on Section 137 to authorize a payment report was **accepted** by the Council and the required actions **agreed**.

671.2. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2018/19 income and expenditure as at 16th September 2018 which showed a total spend of £5,569.25 with income received to date of £25,015.51 The bank balance was £59,791.38

671.3. The Clerk stressed the importance of spending the £20,000 on the Skate Board Park in the current financial year (see minute 670.2 above).

671.4. The Clerk's revised budget of £539 for the Panto was **agreed**

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

672. The Clerk's schedule of correspondence was received and the actions **agreed**.
- Item 672.5 – SW Directories – full page advertisement in the Risca Directory – the Clerk thanked Cllr. Sue Thorne for arranging for the Community Council newsletter to be included in the publication.
 - Item 672.8 – Risca Winter Fayre – it was agreed to defer this item until the next joint meeting with Risca Town Council.

673. Risca East/Risca Town joint meeting.

673.1. No joint meeting had been held since the last Community Council meeting.

674. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard

674.1. Cllr Leonard reported that the Caerphilly County Borough Council's Regeneration Committee had discussed the growing problem of illegal tipping. Cllr Leonard also reported that Ty Sign Primary School was to have solar panels fitted to the roof.

675. Local Issues

675.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr. Zoe Davies reported that the “lollypop” lady outside St. David's Church had not been replaced for over two years. She reported recent anti-social behaviour where cars had been driven on to the field. A recent medical emergency had highlighted the fact that there was no defibrillator available on the Ty Sign Estate. The nearest one was in the Dentist in Risca Town. It was agreed to investigate the possibilities of a defibrillator being made available on the Ty Sign Estate.

675.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr. Sue Thorne volunteered to produce a quarterly newsletter which could be included in the Risca Directory. It was agreed to defer discussion of the content of the next newsletter until the October meeting. Cllr. Thorne volunteered to organize a Christmas meal after the December meeting. Cllr Arianna Leonard mentioned the possibility of an outdoor cinema and reported that she had received complaints from the public about Caerphilly County Borough Council staff being discourteous.

675.3. Trenewydd Ward – Cllr. Dawn Derraven gave a brief update on the proposed Ty Sign Hall. Big Lottery and Welsh Government grants were being sought. Japanese Knotweed has been discovered on the site and this may cause a problem with the proposed development. She added that householders next to the site were concerned about the development.

676. To Consider Planning Applications

676.1. 18/0519/FULL – 32 Cader Idris Close, Trenewydd Park – demolish garage and erect part two storey, part one storey side extension and associated works.

676.2. 18/0686/FULL – 42 Cotswold Way, Trenewydd Park – erect single storey extension to rear, convert garage and erect porch to front of dwelling

676.3. 18/0700/RET – 1 Herbert Avenue, Pontymister – retain garden shed.

Signed.....Chairman 18th October 2018