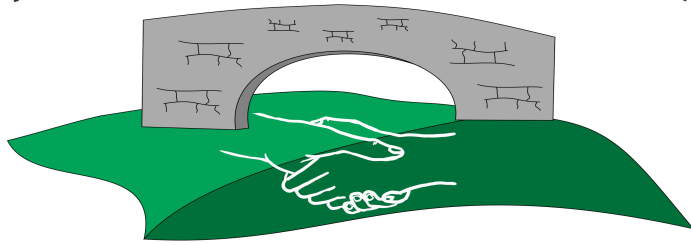


# Risca East Community Council



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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

556. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

556.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Dai Davies, Zoe Davies, John Blackburn, Ed Hodge and Philippa Leonard.

556.2. Apologies were received from Councillors Nigel George, Arianna Leonard and Sue Thorne

557. To receive representatives from the Police.

557.1. There were no Police Officers present.

558. To receive representations from members of the public.

558.1. Two residents from Elm Drive, who had previously spoken to the Community Council about children playing ball games in the car park, requested a progress update. The Chairman explained the background for new members of the Council. Cllr Philippa Leonard offered to call in to the sign manufacturer on the Risca Trading Estate to get a price for making "No Ball Games" signs and also whether the firm could recommend a local firm that could install the signs.

558.2. The Chairman thanked the residents for attending the meeting and hoped that the problem could be satisfactorily resolved.

559. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017 were **agreed**.

560. Matters Arising

560.1. Minute 554.1 – Ty Sign Skateboard Park - the Clerk reported that Risca Town Council had requested further information from Cllr. Zoe Davies relating to child safety and protection assessments.

560.2. Minute 554.2 – Withdrawal of free bus passes – Clerk to write to our AM Rhiannon Passmore.

561. Clerk's Report

561.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2017/18 income and expenditure as at 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 which showed a total spend of £12,776.12 with income received to date of £25,711.19. The bank balance was £46,740.36

561.2. The Council **approved** the budget variations proposed by the Clerk in his report.

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

561.4. The Clerk referred to a grant of £250 to Risca Youth Club which had been previously agreed by the Council. The original application had not made it clear that the organisation was funded primarily by Caerphilly County Borough Council. Cllr Dai Davies offered to call in to the Youth Club to discuss the funding with the Youth Club leader. It was **agreed** that the Community Council would purchase and supply the required equipment.

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

563. The Clerk had previously distributed the minutes of the Risca East/Risca Town joint meeting held in July. The Minutes were noted and actions **agreed**.

563.1. Concerns were expressed that the poppies fixed to the street lighting columns would be re-used next year. It was **agreed** that the Clerk write to Mr. Veysey of Risca R.B.L. Cllr Ed Hodge said that he could help with storage of the poppies

563.2. It was noted that Risca Town Council was supplying all its Councillors with tablets to eliminate the need for paper copies of all documents. It was **agreed** that the Clerk carry out a cost comparison exercise to establish whether it would be financially viable to do adopt the same policy.

564. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard.

564.1. Cllr Leonard gave an update on the continuing problem with mail deliveries at Holly Road Flats. She said that mail boxes had been ordered to see whether they can be installed in the flats. Caerphilly County Borough Council was hoping the Royal Mail would contribute towards the cost of the mail boxes.

565. Local Issues

565.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Dai Davies asked if the Council could have an official “switching on the Christmas Lights” event on 8<sup>th</sup> December and give selection boxes to the children who attend the switching-on. The Clerk said that he would ask the electrical contractor whether this was feasible. Cllr Ed Hodge said that St. David's Church school room could be used to serve teas, coffees and mince pies to the public. He also kindly volunteered to dress up as Father Christmas! He agreed to print posters which could be placed on the Community Council's face book page and the notice boards

565.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – nothing to report

565.3. Trenewydd Ward – Cllr Philippa Leonard said that fly-tipping on the mountain had been reported to Caerphilly County Borough Council.

566. To Consider Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017