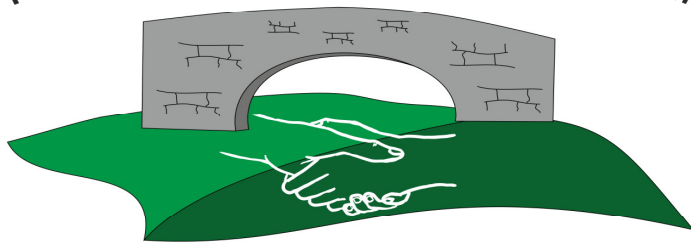


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 19th June 2014.

162. To sign the register and to receive apologies

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

162.2. Apologies were received from Cliff Edwards

163. The Chairman welcomed Mike Halford from HCPT to the meeting.

163.1. Mr. Halford showed the meeting a DVD which explained the type of support that his organisation gave to parents of disabled children between the ages of 11 and 15 but sometimes they can be a little older. He explained that it costs between £750 and £1,000 to take a child to Lourdes in France for a week. The planes have to be chartered because scheduled airlines will not accept these disabled children. Parents are not expected to contribute towards the cost of the child. Volunteers from HCPT pay their own way and all volunteers are CRB checked.

163.2. Mr Halford asked for referrals i.e. names of children that the Community Council thought would benefit from the charity. He also asked if the Community Council would consider making a donation towards the charity.

163.3. The Chairman thanked Mr Halford for coming to the meeting.

164. To receive representatives from Gwent Police

164.1. Inspector Thompson and Sergeant Down were both welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. Inspector Thompson explained that they were both newly appointed to the Risca area. She added that she would endeavour to have a Police presence at every Community Council meeting. She confirmed that the format of the PACT meetings was being reviewed.

164.2. Councillor Blackburn referred to the previous meeting's discussions with Inspector Muirhead about the roundabout at Lower Wyndham Terrace. Inspector Muirhead had stated that it was a local authority problem but Mr Terry Shaw from Caerphilly County Borough Council had written to Councillor Blackburn stating that it was a Police matter. Inspector Thompson said that this should be jointly investigated with the Police, Caerphilly County Borough Council and the Community Council.

165. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th May 2014 were **agreed**.

166. Matters arising:- Minute 159.1 – Notice Boards – three had now been installed; the one on

Herbert Avenue was not installed yet due to difficulties experienced by the contractor. The Borough Council required a hard standing to be installed in front of each notice board to provide a safe place for the public to stand whilst reading the notice board.

167. To receive the Clerk's Report

167.1. The Clerk submitted the financial statement as at 31st March 2014 confirming a balance of £12,167 together with the Internal Auditor's report. The Community Council **approved** the report and **agreed** that the Chairman could countersign the document for submission to the External Auditors

167.2. The Clerk provided an analysis of income and expenditure and confirmed a bank balance of £22,908.43 as at 19th June 2014. The report was **accepted**.

167.3. It was **agreed** that the Community Council donate £750 to HCPT to sponsor a child.

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

Councillors Shirley Hobbs and Nigel George declared an interest in respect of item 168.10 and left the meeting.

Play and Learn Community Group – This organisation is based in the TLC Café and its aim is to provide a safe environment on the Ty Sign estate for children and young people to play. Initially it wants to re-develop the skate board park and then, subject to funding, it wants to provide a MUGA and other facilities at the site opposite St. David's Church and will need to take out a 25 year lease with the Borough Council for the park. The organisation was requesting financial help toward the costs of legal advice to ensure that the lease meets their requirements.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk write to the secretary of the organisation requesting confirmation of the officers, a copy of the constitution and also the offer of Councillor Blackburn to go with them to speak to a local solicitor.

In principle, the Community Council **agreed** to make an initial donation of £500. Councillors Shirley Hobbs and Nigel George then re-joined the meeting

169. To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Nigel George

169.1. Councillor George reported that the Borough Council was considering further budget cuts.

169.2. An announcement was expected before the summer recess from the Welsh Assembly regarding the William's Commission report on the future of public services in Wales.

170. To consider Planning Applications

170.1. 14/0189/FULL – Erect detached garage and steps with disabled chairlift – 24 Malvern Close, Trenewydd Park – Permission Granted

170.2. 14/0381/FULL – The Kingsdown, 18 Moriah Hill, Risca – erect masonry retaining wall

Signed.....Chairman 17th July 2014