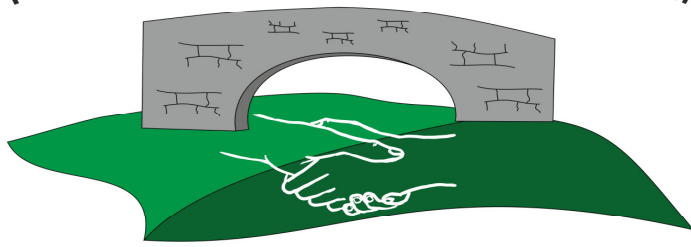


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 17th September 2015.

295. To sign the register and to receive apologies

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

295.2. Apologies were received from Nigel George, Arianna Passmore and Darren Hobbs.

296. To receive a report from the Police.

296.1. No Police officer was present

297. To receive representations from members of the public.

297.1. No members of the public were in attendance.

298. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th July 2015 were **agreed**.

299. Matters arising:

299.1. Minute 289.1 - Applause Group - the Clerk confirmed that he had invited a representative to speak to the meeting but had not received any response. Cllr Cliff Edwards informed the Clerk that the Secretary of the Applause group had changed address.

300. To receive the Clerk's Report

300.1. The Clerk provided an analysis of income and expenditure and confirmed a bank balance of £43,616.75 as at 17th September 2015. The report was **accepted**.

300.2. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Trustees of St. David's Church to establish whether they would allow Christmas decorations to be fitted to the exterior of the building.

300.3. A discussion ensued about whether the Council should contribute toward the cost of the Christmas tree in Risca Town Park. It was agreed by 4 votes to 2 to contribute £500 toward the cost of the Christmas lights.

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

302. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George

302.1. Cllr George had previously given his apologies for not attending the meeting

303. Local Issues

303.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Shirley Hobbs reported that the TLC shop was likely to close unless help was given toward the management and running of the shop. Shirley added that the TLC needed volunteers with a financial background, business planning or human resources. The AGM was to be held next Tuesday and all were welcome to attend.

303.2. Cllr Mary Coles reported that a shopping trolley had been dumped in the canal between Manor Way and Thistle Way.

303.3. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr Matthew Farrell commented on the difficulty of using the notice boards. Cllr John Blackburn offered to contact a local engineering firm and pass the details on to the Clerk.

303.4. The Chairman spoke of the support provided to former armed forces personnel by SSAFA and suggested that a spokesman from SSAFA speak to a future Community Council meeting.

303.5. Trenewydd Ward – nothing to report

304. Joint Meeting with Risca Town Council – the Clerk reminded the meeting that the next Joint Risca Town Council/East Community Council meeting was due to be held at the Bethany Baptist Chapel on Thursday 24th September.

305. To consider Planning Applications

305.1. 15/0523/FULL – 40 Penrhiw Road, Risca – erect two single-storey extensions – noted.

Signed.....Chairman 15th October 2015