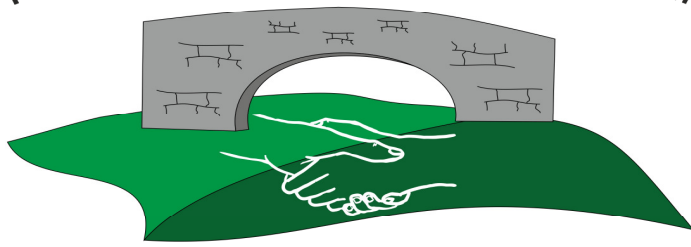


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on Thursday 17th October 2013.

80. To sign the register and to receive apologies

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

80.2. Apologies were received from Cliff Edwards and Matthew Farrell

81. The Chairman welcomed Community Support Officers Paul Salter and Niall Madden to the meeting.

81.1. It was reported that ASBOs were at the lowest level for a long time. The youth club is a great success and is helping the police engage with the youngsters.

81.2. A councillor asked about the “crash for cash” crimes that have been reported in the press recently. CSO Salter wasn’t aware of any new problems other than those already reported.

81.3. It was reported that the Blackwood and Risca branches of Barclays Bank had been the subject of a card reader fraud. It was also reported that fake £20 notes were in circulation – about £30k worth had been discovered in a local property. It was noted that there were still problems with youngsters hanging around the site of the old Manor. It was suggested that the HSE should be contacted. The Chairman thanked CSOs Salter and Madden for attending the meeting.

82. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th September 2013 were **agreed**.

83. Matters arising:-

83.1. Minute 80.2 – delivery of the newsletter had been a real problem. The Clerk is to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to see whether the newsletter could be distributed with “Newslines”.

84. At this point Shirley Hobbs gave her apologies and left the meeting.

85. To receive the Clerk’s report.

85.1. The clerk provided an analysis of income and expenditure and confirmed a bank balance of £24,310.08 as at 17th October 2013. The report was **accepted**.

85.2. One Voice Wales meeting 26th September 2013.

The Clerk gave a brief report on the One Voice Wales meeting he had attended. The meeting had agreed to nominate Kerry Jones from Nelson Community Council to the National Executive Committee. Paul Egan, the Deputy Chief Executive and Resources Manager had given a report from the previous N.E.C. meeting outlining various issues from the Policy Committee and Training Committee including providing advice on wind farm planning applications and funding for Community Council websites.

He had provided a list of training courses available for Community Councillors including the Role of the Councillor, Understanding the Law, Local Government Finance and Chaining Skills. He had also stated that O.V.W. would soon be up-dating the Financial Regulations which Community Councils should be using.

85.3. Risca East and Risca West Community Councils Joint Meeting 24th September 2013.

The Risca West Clerk had verbally provided a list of the projects which had been discussed at the joint meeting

PROJECT TITLE	PRIORITY
Bi-annual Flower and Veg Show	Yes
Weekly Youth Club for teenagers	Yes
Fun run – starting at Risca Leisure Centre via Ty Sign, Fern Lea, Risca Town and back to Leisure Centre – raising money for charities	Yes
Coffee Morning/Afternoon tea club for carers	Yes
Christmas Pantomime	Yes
Fireworks display	Yes
Music Festival – annual band concert	Yes
Film night once a week at Palace Cinema	Yes
Joint Newsletter	Yes

There were many items which had been raised at the meeting which were desirable but not deemed to be of a high enough priority at present but could be considered in the future. After a brief item by item discussion, the Community Council **agreed** that the above list would form the basis of a priority list of projects for the October joint meeting to consider.

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

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

87.1. Councillor George reported on a meeting with the Chairman of Caerphilly County Borough Council's Transport Committee regarding the problems of parking on Elm Drive. The Chairman further reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council maintained that there was no problem with parking and speeding outside the Ty Sign Primary School. It was agreed that the Community Council request a new survey be carried out to monitor the speed of vehicles outside the school. A councillor asked if it were possible for the Community Council to be given a break-down of the speeds recorded outside the school. It was further agreed that a meeting be arranged between the School and the Community Council to discuss the problems of speeding and parking at the school. The Chairman also advised the meeting that the Local Development Plan was to be reviewed over the next few months.

87.2. With regard to funding the redevelopment of the skate board park, the Chairman said that a joint committee of TLC and the Community Council together with help from GAVO would be the best way forward. He also referred to help from the Public Services Department of Caerphilly County Borough Council.

88. To consider Planning Applications

88.1.13/0390/FULL – 23 Gelli Crescent, Risca – alterations to front and rear of property – application approval granted - noted

88.2.13/0659/RET – 5 Snowden Close, Risca – remove existing conservatory, retain extension and install two roof Velux windows on north elevation. - noted

88.3.13/0675/FULL – 11 Mendip Close, Trenewydd Park, - Convert attic to provide 3 bedrooms, convert existing bedrooms to a dining room and study and provide extra parking space.- noted

89.New Development – suggested name of Moriah Mews (Stablau Moriah) - noted

90.Any other business

90.1.A councillor referred to the problems drivers were experiencing with the roundabout at the junction of Lower Wyndham Terrace and Channel View. Asked whether the junction could re-configured.

90.2.Dog Fouling on the canal tow path had been reducing but was now increasing.

90.3.Pontymister Fishing Club had approach a councillor regarding the problems of speeding cyclists along the tow path. The councillor wanted to know whether restrictions existed on cyclists using the tow path.

90.4.A councillor asked if the Community Council could consider moving its meeting venue to St. David's Church. After a brief discussion, it was **agreed** that the Community Council should use St. David's Church and that, if possible, this should start in January 2014. The Chairman **agreed** to contact the Church on the Community Council's behalf.

90.5.A councillor asked if the Clerk could investigate the cost of placing Community Council notice boards in strategic places within the Risca East Community area. It was **agreed** that the Clerk should investigate and report back with some approximate costs.

Signed.....Chairman 21st November 2013