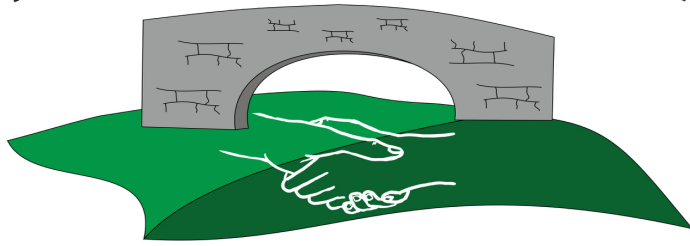


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 18th January 2018.

578. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

578.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, John Blackburn, Dai Davies, Zoe Davies, Sue Thorne and Ed Hodge.

578.2. Apologies were received from Councillors Arianna Leonard, Philippa Leonard and Nigel George.

579. To receive representatives from the Police.

579.1. There were no Police Officers present.

580. To receive representations from members of the public.

580.1. There were no members of the public present.

581. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st December 2017 were **agreed**.

582. Matters Arising

582.1. Minute 573.7 – Risca Food Bank - Cllr Sue Thorne informed the meeting that she had received an email from the Manager of the Risca Food Bank advising her that they were not short of food.

582.2. Minute 572.4 – Cllr Ed Hodge confirmed that Wifi could be provided in the Community Council meeting room. The Council **agreed** to pay all the associated costs.

583. Clerk's Report

583.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2017/18 income and expenditure as at 18th January 2018 which showed a total spend of £14,358.17 with income received to date of £25,711.19. The bank balance was £45,158.31

- The Clerk informed the meeting that he had been advised by Caerphilly County Borough Council that the number of Band D equivalent dwellings had decreased slightly to 2043.79. The existing precept of £12 per dwelling would result in an estimated income of £24,525. The Council **agreed** to set the Precept for 2018/19 at £12.00 per Band D property.

- The Clerk produced a draft budget for 2018/19 based on the income of £24,525. This showed an anticipated budget surplus of £794.
- It was **agreed** that the Council's unspent budget of £15,000 in 2017/18 in respect of the Ty Sign Skate Board Park be carried over to the new financial year. The Council **agreed** to increase the £5,000 budget for the Ty Sign Skate Board Park to include the 2017/18 underspend resulting in a budget for 2018/19 of £20,000. Subject to this amendment, the Council **agreed** the Clerk's budget proposals for 2018/19.

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

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

- Item 584.7 – application for financial assistance from the Community Resource Centre. After a discussion, it was **agreed** that the Council would defer consideration of the application until February.
- Item 584.8 – Cllr Philippa Leonard had expressed grave concerns about comments posted by Cllr Zoe Davies on Face Book regarding fly tipping in Forsythia Close. The Clerk informed Cllr Zoe Davies that her conduct had contravened the Councillors' Code of Conduct, a document which she had agreed to comply with when she had signed her declaration of acceptance of office. Cllr Davies understood why her conduct had not been acceptable and apologised to Cllr Leonard and also to the Council.
- Item 584.9 – Cllr Philippa Leonard confirmed that the "No Ball Games" signs had been fitted at the Elm Drive Shops. She also gave further updates on the post boxes at Holly Road Flats and the dates of future surgeries.

585. Risca East/Risca Town joint meeting.

585.1. Pantomime – concerns were expressed about value of money and the lack of tendering to establish competitive prices for the provision of the Pantomime. It was requested that a breakdown of the costs be provided by the Pantomime company. It was **agreed** that Councillors would raise this at the next joint meeting.

585.2. It was agreed that the Armistice Concert had been excellent.

586. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard.

586.1. Included in the schedule of correspondence and minute 584 above.

587. Local Issues

587.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Davies reported that mini motor bikes were causing a problem on the estate. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Police and also send a copy to Rhiannon Passmore A.M. and the P.C.C. Jeff Cuthbert. Cllr Sue Thorne reported that the TLC was holding a job club and also courses on money.

587.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr John Blackburn reported that the road re-surfacing had left a lot of loose gravel on the roads and also blocked the drains. Cllr Sue Thorne reported that disabled person parking places were needed on Herbert Avenue.

587.3. Trenewydd Ward – Cllr Zoe Davies reported the dumping of vehicles.

588. To Consider Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman 15th February 2018