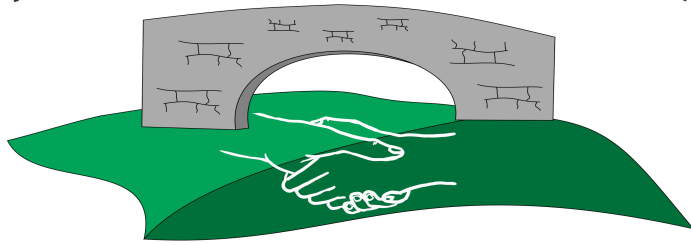


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 18th May 2017.

499. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

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

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

500. To receive a report from the Police.

500.1. No police officer was present. It was agreed that the Clerk should write again to the Police Commissioner for Gwent complaining that no Police officers have attend a Community meeting for over a year.

501. To receive representations from the public.

501.1. Two ladies from Elm Drive, who had previously attended Council meetings, were asking for an update on the "No Ball Games" signs. At the January meeting (Minute 454.1) the Clerk read out a letter from Caerphilly County Borough Council explaining that because the signs were un-enforceable, they would not provide a quotation for the installation of the signs. (See also Minute 466.1 and 476.1)

Councillor John Blackburn felt that the Borough Councillors should get more involved with this issue.

The Chairman suggested that the Clerk write to the Police about the anti-social behaviour of the youngsters playing football in the car park. He felt that a PCSO should attend to have a word with the youngsters.

It was finally agreed that the Clerk write to the three Borough Councillors and the Police, It was also agreed to write to Mr Mark Owen, who organises the youth club in St. David's Church, to see whether he could speak to the youngsters about the problem.

The Chairman thanked the ladies for attending the meeting and assured them that the Council would do all it can to help them.

502. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th April 2017 were **agreed**.

503. Matters Arising - none

504. Clerk's Report

504.1. The Clerk reported the final balances for the year ending 31st March 2017 – subject to audit.

504.2. The Community Council agreed to re-appoint Mr Huw Jones as its Internal Auditor for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

504.3. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2017/18 income and expenditure as at 18th May 2017 which showed a total spend of £1,585.34 with income received to date of £13,432.43. The bank balance was £45,652.38

504.4. It was **agreed** that Councillor Rob Derraven would replace Mary Coles on the list of cheque book signatures.

504.5. The Council accepted the Clerk's report.

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

505.1. Item 505.5 – Risca Collieries Workmen's Institute – it was agreed that the Community Council accept the Borough Council's response and note its contents.

505.2. Item 505.10 – Enquiry regarding the Community Council's donations to various charities and specifically to HCPT. The donation to HCPT is made on the basis that the severely disabled children reside within the Risca East Community Council area and the organisation provides respite care for the parents and there are no faith requirements. The names of the children are not known to the Community Council. It was agreed that the Clerk should firstly establish that the enquiry had been made by a resident of Risca East. He should also provide details of other donations made which have benefited people in the Risca East area such as the Skate Board Park, the signage at Ty Sign Primary and the joint funding of the Pantomime.

505.3. Item 505.12 – 5 man Cleansing Team. Areas identified as needing attention were:- Elm Drive Shops; Gelli Avenue – bench uphill from the railway bridge: lane to rear of Ty Sign Primary School – dog mess

506. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George.

506.1. Cllr George had previously apologised for not being able to attend the meeting

507. Local Issues

507.1. Ty Sign Ward – Councillor Dai Davies felt that speed bumps were needed on Elm Drive near the junction with Rosemont Avenue.

507.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – Councillor John Blackburn had received an application for financial assistance from the 5th Risca Scouts toward the cost of organizing a fund raising fun run. It was **agreed** that the Council would provide 50% of the cost; ie £225

507.3. Trenwydd Ward - nothing to report.

508. To consider Planning Application - none

Signed.....Chairman 15th June 2017