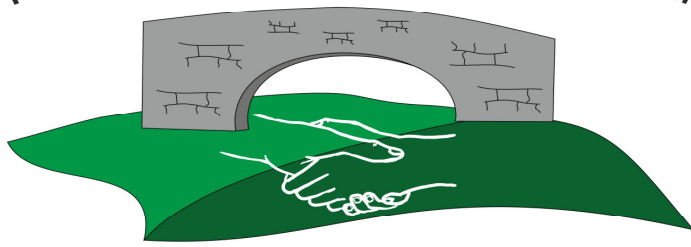


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 19th February 2015.

228. To sign the register and to receive apologies

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

228.2. Apologies were received from Arianna Passmore

229. To receive a report from the Police representatives PCSOs Paul Salter and Zoe Heath.

229.1. Paul informed the meeting that the Police in Caerphilly was undergoing a restructuring.

This included a revised management structure and also altered shift patterns. It should result in doubling the police and PCSOs on duty at any one time. The Inspector based at Blackwood would also cover the Risca area. The PACT meetings were to be restructured – possibly called “Your Voice”. The final announcement was due in April.

Paul talked of prioritizing issues raised by the public at these meetings. The public could also consult via a website. The police would also have a Twitter account.

John Blackburn asked whether the “Your Voice” meetings could take place in the day time.

Nigel George mentioned problems with parking around the school at the bottom of Rosemont Avenue.

Cliff Edwards raised the problem of cars parking on the pavements in Elm Drive. Both Paul Slater and Nigel George promised to investigate this.

230. To receive representations from members of the public.

230.1. Two members of the public had submitted an application for financial assistance toward the cost of display cabinets to be located at Risca Library. The cabinets were to be used to commemorate the ending of WW2 and also for future displays. Risca Town Council and the Royal British Legion were also being approached for funding.

230.2. After a brief question and answer session the Community Council **agreed** to contribute £100 toward the cost of the display cabinets.

231. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th January 2015 were **agreed**.

232. Matters arising:- none

233. To receive the Clerk’s Report

233.1. The Clerk provided an analysis of income and expenditure and confirmed a bank

balance of £27,546.66 as at 19th February 2015. The report was **accepted**.

233.2. Requests for financial assistance

- L.W. – application for financial assistance toward cost of attending Scout Jamboree in Japan. In view of the fact that this was an application for a contribution towards an individual's costs and the concerns of setting a precedent for future applications, it was **agreed not** to provide financial assistance.
- Pontymister Athletic Bowls Club. Darren Hobbs declared an interest and left the meeting whilst this application was discussed. After a brief discussion it was agreed to defer making a decision until the Bowls Club became a properly constituted organisation.
- St David's Community Youth Action Programme. Shirley Hobbs declared an interest and left the meeting whilst this application was discussed. After a brief discussion it was **agreed** to invite a representative from the organisation to attend our next meeting.
- SHADE – it was **agreed** to donate £100 toward the organisation.
- It was agreed that in the future, Councillors should be advised of all applications prior to the meeting.

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

234.4. Kidney Wales Foundation – Darren Hobbs proposed that the Community Council organise an event to support this organisation. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

235. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George

235.1. Councillor George reported that Caerphilly County Borough Council has redesigned its website. Pavements at Ty Sign were being re-surfaced. The Borough Council is concerned about the silting-up of the canal. A woodland walk behind TY Sign Primary School has been agreed. The Borough Council has agreed to take on responsibility for the skate board park. A meeting has been arranged to discuss the requested 20 mph speed limit around Ty Sign Primary School.

235.2. John Blackburn asked the proposed Blue Plaque. Nigel agreed to follow it up.

236. Local Issues

236.1. Ty Sign Ward – none

236.2. Pontymister Ward – Matthew Farrell and John Blackburn both suggested the awarding of Community Prizes for things such as The Best Kept Garden and a School Children Community Pride Award. It was agreed to discuss further at a future meeting.

236.3. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cliff Edwards reported that the St. David's Day concert was now to be held at Danygraig.

237. To consider Planning Applications

237.1. 15/0013/FULL – 2 Holly Road, Ty Sign, Risca – erect two storey extension for lounge, bedroom and en-suite shower

237.2. 15/0024/FULL – 8 Chartist Court, Pontymister – erect wooden shed

237.3. 15/0047/CLPU – 5 Cleveland Drive Trenewydd Park – obtain lawful development certificate for proposed single storey extension

Signed.....Chairman 19th March 2015