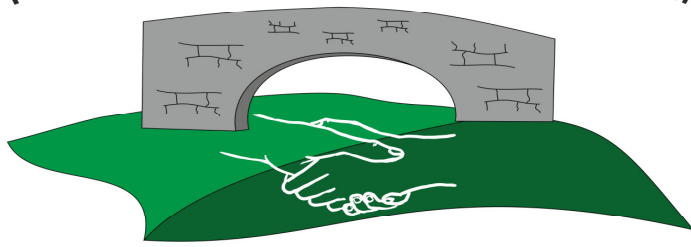


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 19th March 2015.

238. To sign the register and to receive apologies

238.1. Community Councillors present: Chairman Nigel George, John Blackburn, Cliff Edwards, Shirley Hobbs, Matthew Farrell and Arianna Passmore

238.2. Apologies were received from Darren Hobbs, Maureen Jenkins and Mary Coles

239. To receive a report from the Police representatives PCSOs Paul Salter and Jessica Gilbert.

239.1. Paul took the opportunity to record Councillors priority concerns in the area.

- Parking at Junction of Rosemont Avenue
- Speeding on Gelli Avenue
- Parking on Herbert Avenue
- Parking on the pavements of Elm Drive

240. To receive representations from members of the public.

240.1. Two representatives from St. David's Youth Centre presented information in support of their previous application for financial assistance. Shirley Hobbs declared an interest and left the meeting.

The youth club takes place on Friday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. approximately 15 to 20 youngsters attend with an average age of 9

30p is the very modest charge and this is the only regular income for the club. They undertake bag packing at Tesco's occasionally. The rent for the hall is £780 per year and the church is prepared to pay half the cost. The organisers were asking the Community Council to help towards the balance of £390. After a brief discussion it was agreed to donate £350

241. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th February 2015 were **agreed**.

242. Matters arising:

242.1. Minute 233.2 – the Clerk had advised LW that his application for financial assistance had been unsuccessful.

242.2. Minute 234.4 – Kidney Wales Foundation – agreed to place on the agenda for the April meeting.

242.3. Minute 235.2 – Councillor George agreed to follow up the erection of the blue plaque.

243. To receive the Clerk's Report

243.1. The Clerk provided an analysis of income and expenditure and confirmed a bank balance of £27,507.26 as at 19th March 2015. The report was **accepted**.

243.2. The Clerk's budget recommendations for 2015/16 were **agreed**.

243.3. Requests for financial assistance

- None received

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

245. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George

245.1. Councillor George reported that Snowden Field has notices posted stating that the land is available for housing. Cllr John Blackburn said that this was a site of special visual interest and questioned whether the Borough Council could designate it as housing land.

245.2. Council owned garages at Ty Sign are being refurbished or demolished depending on how bad a state of repair they are in.

245.3. The Borough Council's waste collection service is to be re-structured. The Council may be changing to kerbside sorting of recyclable waste.

246. Local Issues

246.1. Ty Sign Ward –

- Cllr Shirley Hobbs asked about replacement garages where tenants existing garages are being demolished. Cllr George said that tenants could apply to the Borough Council for a replacement garage in the same area.
- Concern was expressed about the footpath/walkway along the car park to the rear of the new houses opposite St David's Church
- Area near Epynt Close – it was suggested that a community garden be created on the land

246.2. Pontymister Ward –

- Matthew Farrell expressed concern about vehicles performing a left hand turn at the junction opposite the Welsh Oak. It was suggested that that a "No left turn" sign be erected north of the junction on the main road.
- Councillor Blackburn noted that signs have been placed on the canal two path instructing bikers to be aware of pedestrians, however, he felt that there were insufficient numbers of signs.
- Councillor Blackburn asked whether there was a requirement for School governors to CRB checked and whether Caerphilly County Borough Council has a policy on this.

246.3. Pontymister Upper Ward –

- Councillor George reported that residents of Herbert Avenue were requesting the removal of double yellow lines.

247. To consider Planning Applications - none

Signed.....Chairman 16th April 2015