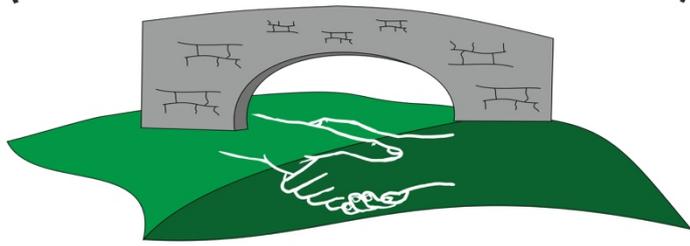


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 19th July 2018.

652. The Chairman spoke of the sudden loss of Cllr Dai Davies. The meeting stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

653. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

653.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, John Blackburn, Zoe Davies, Dawn Derraven, Nigel George, Philippa Leonard and Sue Thorne

653.2. Apologies were received from Councillor Arianna Leonard.

654. To receive representatives from the Police.

654.1. There was no representative present at the meeting.

655. To receive representations from the public.

655.1. The Chairman reminded the Councillors and the members of the public of the conduct which was expected at the Community Council meetings.

655.2. A resident from Snowden Close said that Caerphilly County Borough Council's Planning Committee had received 199 objections against the proposed Community Centre and had only received 73 letters in favour. Various issues were raised against the Community Centre development and its proposed use. A public meeting had been held with over 50 people in attendance. The attendees at the public meeting had been disappointed that there were no County Borough or Community Council representatives present.

655.3. Cllr Philippa Leonard advised the resident that there was an appeals process which they were entitled to take part in.

655.4. Cllr John Blackburn advised them to get legal advice.

656. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st June 2018 were **agreed**.

657. Matters Arising

657.1. Minute 650.2 – Cllr Nigel George advised the meeting that the method of resurfacing had been recently changed.

657.2. Minute 647.1 – The Clerk informed the meeting that he had forwarded the information to Caerphilly County Borough Council's Monitoring Officer for her advice on how to proceed.

657.3. Minute 643.2 – the Chairman referred to the abuse toward Community Councillors on Facebook. He stated that this was not acceptable. Cllr Sue Thorne informed the meeting of

various questions on Facebook. Cllr Dawn Derraven enquired how the Community Council could get incorrect information removed from Facebook.

657.4. It was agreed that the Community Council should produce a newsletter and that it be discussed in full at the September meeting.

658. Clerk's Report

658.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2018/19 income and expenditure as at 18th July 2018 which showed a total spend of £5,040.14 with income received to date of £12,752.77. The bank balance was £48,057.75

658.2. The Clerk stressed the importance of spending the £20,000 on the Skate Board Park in the current financial year.

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

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

Item 658.6 - Requests for Financial Assistance from the TLC Café Community Group – it was **agreed** that the cheque for £325 should be made payable to TLC

Item 658.7 – Funding for buses during the summer holidays – clarification was sought from the organiser.

660. Risca East/Risca Town joint meeting.

660.1. Cllr Sue Thorne reported that the Summer Faye had been a great success. Awards had been presented by Cllr Philippa Leonard.

661. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard

661.1. Cllr Leonard reported on donations that had been given to help the fire fighters on the mountainside.

661.2. A Community Craft Faye had been held the previous week in Channel View Community Centre and another one was planned for Christmas.

661.3. The benches in Hafod-y-bryn gardens are to be replaced.

661.4. Glass had been cleaned up from the footpath near the school.

662. Local Issues

662.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Zoe Davies reported that “boy racers” were driving at speed around the estate. Feedback from the public was being sought regarding the environmental improvements as part of the WHQS work.

662.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr. John Blackburn informed the meeting that he was a Trustee of the Royal Order of Mercy. Awards are given to members of the public in recognition of their voluntary service. He asked Councillors for nominations of any people whom they felt deserved such recognition.

662.3. Trenewydd Ward – Cllr. Dawn Derraven reported that no further action was needed regarding the vans were being parked on footpaths on High Trees.

663.Vacancy in the Ty Sign Ward

663.1.As a result of the sad loss of Cllr Dai Davies, the Clerk informed the meeting that he had to advertise the vacancy. It was agreed that the Council would consider all applications at the September meeting.

663.2.It was agreed that Cllr Dawn Derraven be nominated as the Community Council's representative on the Community Resource Centre Committee.

664.To Consider Planning Applications – none

Signed.....Chairman 20th September 2018