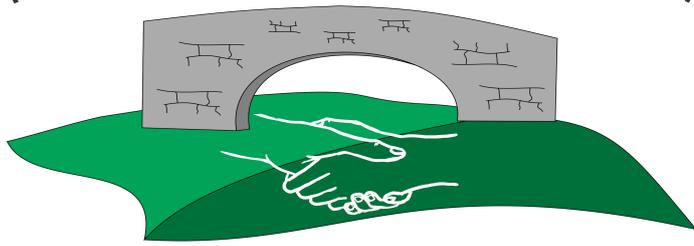


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 20th July 2017.

520. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

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

520.2. Apologies were received from Councillor Arianna Leonard.

520.3. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received two applications from residents who were interested in being co-opted on to the Community Council; Mr. Ed Hodge and Mr. Alex Thomas. The Clerk read out the brief resumes that had been provided by the two people. After a brief discussion, it was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr. Ed Hodge.

521. To receive an update from Mr. Richard Owen, Trustee of the Agape Church

521.1. Mr. Owen said that he had attended a useful meeting with representatives from Caerphilly County Borough Council. He said that the Scouts group was interested in the project.

521.2. The Chairman was concerned that the proposed new resource centre would impact on the St. David's Church usage and also the TLC. This was a concern also expressed by Cllr Sue Thorne. Mr. Owen said that a leaflet was being prepared for distribution to houses that are next to the proposed site. The Welsh Government and also the Big Lottery Fund were possible sources of funding. He said that Agape currently worked with the TLC.

522. To receive a presentation from Mr. Steven Lyons who represented a society that was trying to preserve the Black Vein Miners' Burial Ground at Greenmeadow.

522.1. Mr. Lyons explained that a small group of volunteers had started to clear the site and undergrowth and was seeking advice and funding to preserve the site for future generations. The fence around the site needed to be removed and replaced. The land owner and the society have drawn up a memorandum of agreement. The society would like to commission a grave stone to commemorate those buried. The cost was estimated to be about £2 – £2,500. In addition to this, the cost of the fencing was estimated to be about £4,500 for labour and £1,200 for materials. Also, an information board was needed to inform the public of the background to the site. CISWO may make funding available and also Virador may be a possible source of funding. The Society would like the ground to be blessed. Cllr John Blackburn offered to be an advisor to the group.

522.2. The Chairman thanked Mr. Lyons for speaking to the Council.

523. Mr. Mike Halford from HCPT presented a framed photograph to the Community Council showing the group of youngsters who had gone to Lourdes earlier this year. He had received

very positive feed-back from the parents of the youngsters.

The Chairman asked whether the latest group of children included any one from the Risca East area. Mr. Halford confirmed that the Community Council's financial support goes only towards youngsters from the Risca East area.

524. To receive a report from the Police.

524.1. No police officer was present.

525. To receive representations from the public.

525.1. There were no members of the public in attendance

526. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th June 2017 were **agreed**.

527. Matters Arising

527.1. Minute 515.4 Application for financial assistance from AFC Twmbarlwm. The Clerk advised the meeting that he not received a financial statement from the organisation.

528. Clerk's Report

528.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2017/18 income and expenditure as at 20th July 2017 which showed a total spend of £4,991.87 with income received to date of £13,432.43. The bank balance was £42,245.85

528.2. The Council accepted the Clerk's report.

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

Item 529.4 – Councillors were concerned that the Borough Council was delaying the issue of speed bumps on Elm Drive near the junction with Rosemont Avenue

Item 529.5 - St. David's Youth Group. The requested financial statement had been provided in support of the application for financial assistance. It was **agreed** to give a donation of £530 which equated to the room rent for the previous financial year.

530. The Clerk had previously distributed the minutes of the Risca East/Risca Town joint meeting held in June. There were several items which needed to be ratified by the Full Council.

- Concert for Pensioners – Cllr Nigel George stated that in his opinion, funding should not be for events outside the Borough Council area. Cllr John Blackburn proposed that the Council accept the cost this time but in future funding only goes to projects in the Risca area except in exceptional circumstances. It was **agreed** that the Community Council pay 50% of the cost of the Pensioners' Concerts. Cllr Nigel George abstained from the vote.
- Pantomime – the Council agreed to proceed with the Pantomime and pay 50% of the total cost
- Armistice Service – It was agreed to pay 50% of the total cost

531. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard.

531.1. Cllr Leonard reported that several meetings had been held regarding Holly Road flats. Royal Mail staff were refusing to deliver post to the flats because of fear of anti-social behavior. A meeting with the Police, solicitors, etc. to discuss concerns about activities at the Holly Road flats was to take place.

531.2. Regular joint surgeries were being held every fortnight at the TLC.

531.3.Cllr John Blackwood had recently attended the Joint Liaison meeting in Ty Penallta and was very concerned to learn that there was currently a two year waiting list for a child to see an educational psychologist.

532. Local Issues

532.1.Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Zoe Davies said that the 20 mph speed signs on Elm Drive were not working.

532.2.Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr Sue Thorne briefly reported on the One Voice Wales meeting she had attended in Bedwas. She added that training for new Councillors was available. The Community Council’s Facebook page was up and running and being updated

532.3.Trenewydd Ward – concerns were expressed about the dog bins at the entrance to the fields near Epynt Close.

533.To consider Planning Applications - noted

Signed.....Chairman 21st September 2017