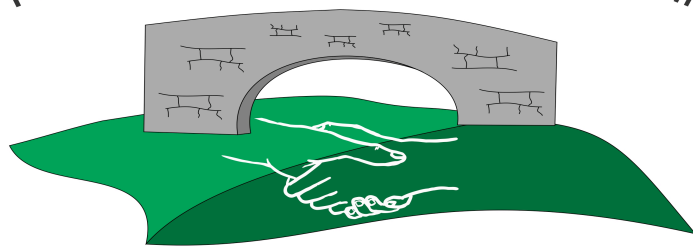


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 21st September 2017.

534. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

534.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Dai Davies, Zoe Davies, Nigel George, Ed Hodge, Arianna Leonard, Philippa Leonard and Sue Thorne.

534.2. Apologies were received from Councillor John Blackburn.

535. To receive a report from Ms. Lynne John from Caerphilly County Borough Council.

535.1. Ms. John explained that she was the Environmental Officer for the WHQS programme that Caerphilly County Borough Council was currently running. She outlined various work that had been completed on the TY Sign Estate. A public consultation was taking place to establish what environmental works the residents wanted done on the estate. Some ideas that had been suggested were an outdoor gym, play facilities, improved car parking, etc. Cllr Dai Davies asked whether the skate board park field could be improved as part of the works.

The Chairman suggested that the Councillors have time to think about possible schemes and bring them to the next meeting.

536. To receive a report from the Police.

536.1. No police officer was present.

537. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th July 2017 were **agreed**.

538. Matters Arising

538.1. Minute 521 – the proposed resource centre. Cllr Dai Davies asked whether the Community Council was supporting the project. The Clerk confirmed that the Community Council had previously stated its support for the initiative.

538.2. Minute 522.2 – Mr. Lyons from the Black Vein Miners' Memorial Society had written confirming that much of the required funding had been sourced.

538.3. Minute 523 – HCPT- Cllr Nigel George said that the organisation was planning to take some more youngsters from the Risca East area to Lourdes and was looking for financial assistance.

538.4. Minute 529.4 – Cllr Zoe Davies claimed that the crossing ladies at the school did not have access to the keys to switch on the 20 mph flashing signs outside Ty Sign Primary School.

538.5. Minute 530 – Cllr Sue Thorne was asking for volunteers to help with the refreshments at

the Armistice Service on 9th November.

538.6. Minute 531.1 – Holly Road Flats – it was reported that there were still problems with the Post Office delivering letters to the flats. Cllr Philippa Leonard read out an email from the Post Office Manager outlining the reasons for non-delivery.

539. Clerk's Report

539.1. The report from the External Auditors was received and the appropriate legal actions **agreed**.

539.2. The Clerk's Risk Assessment report was received and **agreed**.

539.3. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2017/18 income and expenditure as at 21st September 2017 which showed a total spend of £9,251.26 with income received to date of £24,557.52. The bank balance was £50,265.22

539.4. The Council **approved** the budget variations proposed by the Clerk in his report.

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

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

541. The Clerk had previously distributed the minutes of the Risca East/Risca Town joint meeting held in July. The Minutes were noted and actions agreed.

542. To receive a report from Councillor Nigel George.

542.1. Cllr George said that residents were contaminating the recycling materials in the refuse bins and this was causing a problem with the Borough Council's contractor.

542.2. Cllrs Sue Thorne and Philippa Leonard raised the issue of the Hazrem plant which is to be located on the Nine Mile Point Industrial Estate in Cwmfelinfach. It was agreed that the Community Council support the opposition to the proposed plant and the Clerk should write to Cllr Philippa Marsden stating the Community Council's support.

543. Local Issues

543.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Dai Davies reported on the resurfacing of lower Elm Drive and the apparent failure to give the residents sufficient warning to move their cars prior to the work commencing.

Cllr Zoe Davies quoted from a recent article in the Argus about a Newport City initiative helping challenged communities which had included Ty Sign. It was agreed that the Clerk invite Mr. Mark Hepton to our next meeting to discuss the activities of this organisation.

543.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – nothing to report

543.3. Trenewydd Ward – nothing to report

544. To Consider Planning Applications - noted

544.1. 17/0598/FULL – 13 Foundry Road, Pontymister – Erect balcony to rear of property

544.2. 27/0658/FULL – The Paddock, Troed-Rhiw-Las Lane, Risca – Alter pitch roof to flat roof on front to provide balcony with clear glass railings

544.3. 17/0674/FULL – 1 Cotswold Way, Trenewydd Park – erect two storey extension to rear, side and extension to garage, balcony to front and erection of boundary walls and fences.

545. The Chairman advised the meeting that the next meeting would be held on Thursday 26th October.

Signed.....Chairman 26th October 2017