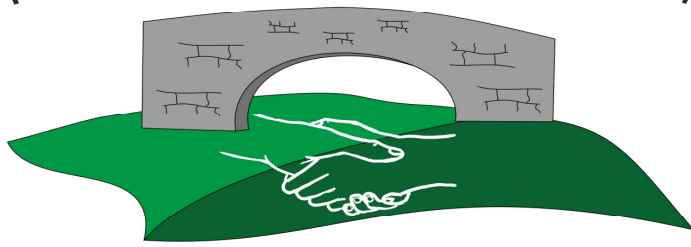


# Risca East Community Council



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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013.

## 91. To sign the register and to receive apologies

91.1. Community Councillors present: Vice Chairman John Blackburn, Cliff Edwards, Matthew Farrell, Darren Hobbs, Shirley Hobbs, Mary Coles, Maureen Jenkins and Arianna Passmore

91.2. Apologies were received from Nigel George.

## 92. The Vice Chairman welcomed the two Community Safety Wardens (CSWs) to the meeting.

92.1. The Vice Chairman referred to the problems of dog fouling on the canal bank and also the problem of dogs being allowed to roam because they are not kept on a lead. The CSWs said that leads were not required along the canal bank although dog fouling was an offence. A discussion ensued about the rights and wrongs of dogs being allowed to roam in public places. The Borough Council has designated certain areas such as enclosed children's playgrounds as "dog free" zones.

92.2. It was noted that there are problems with litter and broken glass on Moriah Hill (the pathway from Risca Town Centre to Ty Sign). Concerns were also noted about glass on the railway footbridge.

92.3. The CSWs agreed to take the Community Councils concerns back to the Borough Council.

92.4. A councillor asked if the Police Commissioner was stopping PACT meetings. The CSWs said that this was not true but the PACT meetings were being reviewed.

92.5. The Vice Chairman expressed concerns that Risca Police station was being manned by volunteers and open on a part time basis. He felt that this should be the subject of a public debate. The CSWs said that the changes to Risca Police stations manning levels were as a result of cost savings. The Police station does have a CID unit based there.

92.6. A councillor suggested that this matter should be discussed with Risca Town Council at the next joint meeting. He also suggested that Inspector Muirhead be invited to attend the meeting.

92.7. The Vice Chairman thanked the CSWs for attending the meeting.

93. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were **agreed**.

94. Matters arising:-

94.1. Minute 90.3 – cyclists using the canal tow path. The Clerk to contact Caerphilly County Borough Council to establish the legal position.

95. To receive the Clerk's report.

95.1. The clerk provided an analysis of income and expenditure and confirmed a bank balance of £20,551.28 as at 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013. The report was **accepted**.

95.2. Joint Liaison Committee Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> November 2013

95.2.1. Planning Application for opencast mining at Nant Llesg Rhymney

The Clerk reported on the direct implications for residents in Rhymney, Fochriw and Pontlloyn and the indirect implications for Nelson and lower Rhymney valley because of the large increase in coal being transported by railway. Also, it was possible for an increase in lorries using the roads if trains could not cope with volume of coal being excavated.

95.2.2. Prosiect Gwyrdd – burning of household waste to create electricity – the incinerator plant is located in Cardiff.

95.2.3. Winter Service report – increase quantities of salt and grit being stockpiled throughout the borough. Reminder that grit bins are for the highways and not people's driveways!

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

97. To receive a report from County Borough Councillor Nigel George

97.1. Councillor George had previously given his apologies.

98. To consider Planning Applications

98.1. 13/0638/FULL – 334 Elm Drive, Ty Sign, Risca – **permission granted** for the erection of a conservatory to side elevation - noted

98.2. 13/0675/FULL – 11 Mendip Close, Trenewydd Park, Risca – **permission granted** for the conversion of attic to provide three bedrooms - noted

98.3. 13/0531/FULL – 7 Moriah Hill, Risca - **permission granted** to replace existing kitchen with two-storey kitchen and bathroom extension - noted

98.4. 13/0739/FULL – 6 Cader Idris Close, Trenewydd Park, Risca – replace existing open front entrance canopy with enclosed front entrance porch - noted

99. Any other business

99.1. A councillor asked for help with the preparation and serving of refreshments at the forthcoming Panto.

99.2. The Community Council's allocation of Panto tickets had been brought to the meeting. It

was agreed that 100 tickets per performance be taken to the Ty Sign Primary school. The Vice Chairman agreed to take the tickets to the school.

99.3. A councillor confirmed that the litter pickers were being delivered to his home.

99.4. The new development on Moriah Hill is resulting in damage to the road and also Councillors were concerned about the canal bridge and whether it could cope with the increased volume and weight of traffic.

99.5. Public Notice Boards – the Clerk had viewed several web sites and had established prices ranging from £300 to £950. These prices excluded the cost of installation. Councillor Hobbs had visited some locally based companies that could manufacture and install the notice boards for £580 each. After a short discussion it was agreed that the Clerk and Councillor Hobbs meet to consider suitable locations for two notice boards initially with a view to installing more next year.

99.6. Venue for future meeting Community Council meetings

It had been previously discussed that the Community Council meetings be held in St. David's Church on Elm Drive. The Minister had agreed to the church being made available from January 2014 onwards. It was **agreed** that the Clerk write to Rev Kerschell confirming the dates for 2014.

99.7. January 2014 meeting.

It was agreed to hold the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January instead of 16<sup>th</sup>

Signed.....Chairman 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013