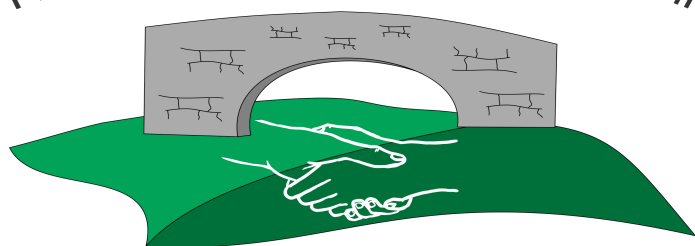


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 21st December 2017.

567. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

567.1. Community Councillors present: Councillors Rob Derraven, Dai Davies, Zoe Davies, Nigel George and Ed Hodge.

567.2. Apologies were received from Councillors John Blackburn, Arianna Leonard, Philippa Leonard and Sue Thorne

568. To receive representatives from the Police.

568.1. There were no Police Officers present.

569. To receive representations from members of the public.

569.1. There were no members of the public present.

570. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th November 2017 were **agreed**.

571. Matters Arising

571.1. Minute 565.1 – Switching on the Christmas lights – all who had attended said that it was a great success. Cllr Ed. Hodge presented an invoice for £75 for the purchase of selection boxes – **agreed** to refund the cost.

571.2. Minute 564.1 – postal service at Holly Road Flats – Cllr Nigel George informed the meeting that once the post boxes had been installed, the post office would start delivering 3 days a week.

571.3. Minute 563 – 2017 Pantomime – it was reported that the Panto had been a great success.

572. Clerk's Report

572.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2017/18 income and expenditure as at 21st December 2017 which showed a total spend of £13,228.79 with income received to date of £25,711.19. The bank balance was £46,287.69

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

572.3. The Clerk referred the meeting to Minute 563.1. It had been agreed that the Clerk identify possible savings over a 5 year period by going "paper-less". The Clerk provided a

costings analysis which showed that it was financially viable to replace all meeting notices, minutes and reports produced for councillors with an electronic tablet. Based on the costings, the council **agreed** that it purchase an electronic tablet for each councillor at an estimated total cost of £765.00

572.4. Cllr Ed. Hodge **agreed** to investigate the possibility of extending his Wifi system into the meeting room. The Council **agreed** to pay for any costs associated with this.

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

- Item 573.3 – application for financial assistance from the Community Resource Centre. After a discussion, it was **agreed** that the Council supported the project in principle but would defer consideration of the application until the new year. The Chairman expressed concern that the Community Council could be funding a planning application which could eventually fail.
- Item 573.4 – HCPT – application for financial assistance. It was **agreed** to donate £1,000 towards the project.
- Item 573.7 – Risca Food Bank – **agreed** to donate £250.00

574. Risca East/Risca Town joint meeting. No report provided

575. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard.

575.1. Cllr Nigel George reported that garages on Holly Road would be demolished.

576. Local Issues

576.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Dai Davies complained that dog poo bins were not being emptied often enough. Cllr George replied that the Borough Council had experienced problems with snow clearance and staff shortages. Cllr George confirmed that the grass verges on Manor Road were to be replaced with tarmac. Cllr Zoe Davies reported that grass verges were being damaged by motor bikers. Cllr George said that this should be reported to the Police.

576.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr Dai Davies reported that dropped kerbs on Gelli Avenue at road crossing points needed to be installed at certain locations.

576.3. Trenewydd Ward – see previous comment on dog poo bins not being emptied.

577. To Consider Planning Applications

577.1. 17/0989/LA – Car Park and Garage Site, Aster Close, Ty Sign – demolish 15 garages and construct 8 sectional garages - noted

Signed.....Chairman 18th January 2018