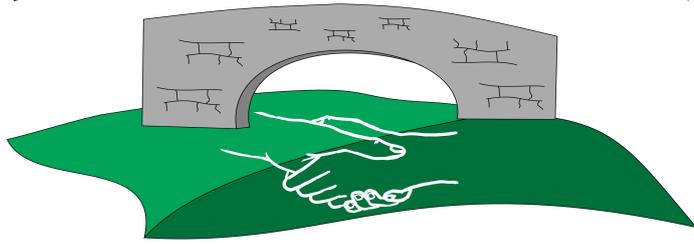


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Minutes of the meeting of Risca East Community Council held on 26th October 2017.

546. To sign the register and to receive apologies.

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

546.2. Apologies were received from Councillor Arianna Leonard

547. To receive a report from Messrs. Marc Hepton and Harvey Philpot from the Eden Gate Project.

547.1. Messrs. Hepton and Philpot had been invited to the meeting because of concerns raised at the previous Community Council meeting regarding a press release made in September about the Eden Gate Trailer Project.

Mr. Hepton explained that a 12 month pilot project had been started in Betws and Pill and it was hoped that this would be extended to Ty Sign. He recognized that the Newport areas had their own unique problems which would not necessarily to be found on the Ty Sign Estate.

He continued by explaining that the Eden Gate Project provided overnight accommodation for the homeless using local churches in the Newport area. Many of these churches had been providing this facility for about nine years.

Cllr Zoe Davies asked what they had in mind for the Ty Sign area.

Mr. Hepton replied that they were planning community development i.e. community days engaging with young people via the Risca Rugby Club.

Cllr Zoe Davies explained that the Risca Youth Club met 4 days a week in Risca Town and 1 day a week in Ty Sign.

Cllr Dai Davies said that residents would be concerned if homeless people were coming into Ty Sign.

Mr. Hepton said that Moriah Church in Risca already provided support for homeless people on one night per week.

Mr. Philpot asked whether there were particular problems in Ty Sign which would benefit from the Eden Gate Project.

Cllr Blackburn asked if they envisaged homeless "moving" from one area to another and also asked about mental illness within the homeless community.

Mr. Philpot replied that addressing mental health issues was not within the remit of the project and he did not envisage that their work would attract homeless people to the Trailer Project.

Cllr. Zoe Davies was concerned that the Eden Gate Project would affect existing services provided by Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Mr. Hepton assured the meeting that there was no intention to do that. They would provide support in the areas needing it. They were interested in reaching out in areas where there is currently a gap; e.g. weekends.

Cllr. Nigel George said that older children tended to congregate in the Risca Town area. Mr. Philpot said that they wanted to provide a pilot scheme to establish what support was needed.

Cllr. Zoe Davies offered to help out initially.

The Chairman thanked Messrs. Hepton and Philpot for attending the meeting.

548. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2017 were **agreed**.

549. Matters Arising

549.1. Minute 538.4 – Cllr. Blackburn confirmed that the signs outside the school were working.

549.2. Minute 538.5 – Cllr. Sue Thorne confirmed that volunteer's names had been provided.

549.3. Minute 538.6 – Post Office deliveries to Holly Road Flats – it was confirmed that there was no improvement in the situation.

550. Clerk's Report

550.1. The Clerk provided a financial statement of the 2017/18 income and expenditure as at 26th October 2017 which showed a total spend of £11,610.83 with income received to date of £25,711.19. The bank balance was £47,905.65

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

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

550.4. Cllr Nigel George suggested that the Council consider providing a Christmas Tree in the grounds of the Church. This was **agreed** in principle. It was further agreed that the Clerk establish from other Community and Town Councils the typical cost of a live tree and also Cllr. Ed Hodge would approach the Church Council to seek their approval.

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

551.1. Cllrs. Nigel George and Sue Thorne declared an interest in item 551.9 and left the meeting whilst this item was discussed. It was **agreed** to donate £500 to the Black Vein Miners' Memorial Society.

551.2. Item 551.13 – It was **agreed** to invite the Access Group to the next Community Council meeting to discuss their activities within the Risca East area.

551.3. Item 551.14 – Cardiff Conservation Volunteers – agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

552. 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**.

553. To receive a report from Councillor Philippa Leonard.

553.1. Cllr Leonard said that discussions were continuing about the problem with mail deliveries at Holly Road Flats. It was not feasible to have mail boxes fitted on the outside of the building. She said that there was going to be a prolonged debate about how to resolve the problem. She mentioned the Friends of Risca Comprehensive School who were looking for help and support.

554. Local Issues

554.1. Ty Sign Ward – Cllr Zoe Davies had attended the Risca Town Council meeting on behalf of the Ty Sign Skate Board Park Committee to request financial support for the Skate Board Park.

554.2. Pontymister Upper Ward – Cllr. John Blackburn asked whether it was true that the free bus passes were being withdrawn. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Rhiannon Passmore expressing concerns about the withdrawal of this service.

Cllr. Sue Thorne reported that £94.48 had been raised for the MacMillan Coffee morning.

554.3. Trenewydd Ward – Cllr. Nigel George spoke about the continuing problems with off-road bikers.

555. To Consider Planning Applications

555.1. 17/0825FULL – 29, Cotswold Way, Trenewydd Park, - erect part two storey, part single storey extension to side and rear of property

Signed.....Chairman 16th November 2017