



RISCA TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP – 11TH DECEMBER 2018

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON MATTERS RELATING TO RISCA TOWN

REPORT BY: TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

- 1. CIVIL PARKING – PRESENTATION ATTACHED**
- 2. LOCAL TOILET STRATEGY – PRESENTATION ATTACHED**
- 3. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING – PRESENTATION ATTACHED**
- 4. CWMCARN UPDATE**

As part of the EU 'Tourism Attractor Development' project led by VisitWales, procurement work has started on a number of projects at Cwmcarn Forest including the installation of new glamping accommodation and a family adventure play area. Other projects in the pipeline include additional car parking spaces, enhancements to the cycling & walking trails and improvements around the lakeside in the valley floor.

NRW are aiming to re-open the Forest drive by spring 2020 and are working with the Council to look at the physical reinstatement options required to reopen the drive.

As part of plans to develop the Valleys Regional Park concept, the Welsh Government recently announced that Cwmcarn Forest will be one of the first 6 'Discovery Gateway' sites that will potentially share in £7m of investment funding to connect the Valleys through high-quality walking and cycle routes.

- 5. S106 MONIES – VERBAL UPDATE**
- 6. CUCKOO STATUE – VERBAL UPDATE**
- 7. HIGH STREET HEROES**

In November the Council will be launching a new initiative called 'High Street Hero' which asks people to nominate those retailers in our town centres who provide excellent customer service, offer value for money and show great product knowledge. Retailers who receive a nomination will be featured across the Council's social media channels and also on the corporate website. In addition, each nominated businesses will be awarded a 'High Street Hero' certificate and window sticker to show that customers recognise and value the business. The aim of the scheme is to raise the

profile of shops on our high streets and encourage people to invest at least some of their retail spend locally, especially in the period leading up to Christmas.

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Appendix 1 – Clive Campbell Presentation on Civil Parking
Appendix 2 – Sian Wolf-Williams Presentation on Local Toilets Strategy
Appendix 3 – Tracy Evans Presentation on CCBC Electric Vehicle Strategy
Appendix 4 – Paul Hudson Cwmcarn update