

Cyngor Cymuned  
Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6:45

Present: - Cllrs- P Oliver, M.G. Evans, O Morgan, C Hopes, , M Smith, H Wagner, D Burford

Clerk - Alison Williams

Apologies: - Cllr - D Barton

County Cllrs – K Morgan, A Rogers

**Ask a question by a member of the public.**

None

**Declaration of interest**

None to note

**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held Monday 11 December 2023**

It was resolved to confirm the minutes.

**2024/1 Matters Arising**

- a. RCT have responded that the wall at 10 Heol Y Graig is on private land and is not a risk.
- b. The embankment is subsiding more and the tree has fallen in the same place opposite the bus shelter bottom of Heol y Graig. The tree is coming out of the wall on Heol y Graig.
- c. The streetlight on Treherbert Mountain factory side on the left as you go up is still flashing.
- d. The rubbish has been collected around the village but not the rest of Rhigos.
- e. The call in for the school to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been noted.
- f. The rubbish on the housing estate and in the village does get picked weekly but not the rest of the village or the road to Glynneath and Cefn Rhigos past the cemetery. They are not asking for additional litter picks but that all of Rhigos is done.

**2024/2 Planning Applications**

- a. The council resolved to send a letter to RCT planning to object in the strongest terms to the application for change of used at Fifth Avenue Guest house.

### **2024/3 County Borough Council matters**

It was resolved that the following matters be passed on to County Councillors Rogers and Morgan.

- a. The fence opposite the community centre where the Christmas tree is put is broken and in need of repair.
- b. When is the road going to be shut for the heavy load coming to Hirwaun Industrial estate and what times?
- c. Glynneath bank needs a litter pick. Also, the road at the rugby club and the Plough.
- d. There are trees that have been cut and the stumps left in the lay by. Please can these be removed.
- e. The vole road trees need to be trimmed back. There has been an attempt to do this but it was a very poor attempt.
- f. The vole road needs to be resurfaced. It is breaking up in several places where the rain has washed it away.
- g. There are sheep wandering Rhigos road and this is a danger to traffic. There is no fence on Toms field on the bend and this requires repair.
- h. Treherbert roundabout has been cleaned of leaves and pine needles but not the path down from the roundabout past HP Price to Brecon view bungalow. Also the path past the cemetery to the New Inn needs cleaning.
- i. Opposite Cludfan bungalow on the main road before Walters there is a tree hanging that is dangerous on the south side of the road. There is also flooding of the drains there as they must be blocked. The water is dangerous there.
- j. The ditch on the side of Rhigos road at Owains bungalow the culvert there needs clearing both sides of the road from Cludfan bungalow down to the crossroads.
- k. There are 8-9 cat's eyes missing on the rugby club road to the Plough.
- l. The drain in the dip at the road from the village to the rugby club needs clearing. There is often a car parked over it.
- m. The drain opposite Werfa farm and at Ty Pennnant bungalow needs clearing.
- n. There is a lot of water on the road near the cemetery and near Tramways.
- o. There are potholes near the Plough on the hill and at the chapel, farm and by Walters.
- p. The bin needs emptying at Heol Y Graig and the bin on Mount Road need to be emptied and replaced as the bottom is corroded and falling out.
- q. The post box at Smith Avenue needs replacing.
- r. There is still no side on the bus stop at Heol y Graig.
- s. They are still burning rubbish on Glynneath bank. They are burning hundreds of upvc windows and throwing the waste over the top into the water course. This is an environmental hazard and concerning.

### **2024/4 Rhigos Cemetery**

- a. As soon as the weather improves the Clerk and Cllr Evans will visit the cemetery to ensure that the numbers in the books relate to the numbers on the ground.

### **2024/5 Correspondence**

- a. Clerk to respond to request from Lee Adams Enviromena about the council's response to the latest project. Also, their request to consider funding for the football club when and if funds become available.
- b. The cost-of-living grant has been approved and it was resolved to open the community centre every Tuesday afternoon until the end of March to provide hot drinks, toast and biscuits to the community. Cllr Smith will also find out what is

happening at School for St Davids day as something could be organised at the community centre at the same time.

- c. Clerk to message Cllr Barton with the Biodiversity information.

### **2024/6 Rhigos Allotments**

- a. Mr B has still not paid and he contacted the Clerk to say that he would attend this evenings meeting which he has not. Cllr Wagner will call to see him and explain that payment is required for this financial year and the next payment will be due on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.
- b. The weather has destroyed some of the Polly tunnels and they need to be mended as they are making a noise and disturbing the neighbours. Grants are available for allotments and from Pen y Cymoedd community fund and the A465 monies.
- c. Mr B did not attend the meeting as he said and so Cllr Wagner will visit him at home.

### **2024/7Accounts**

#### **Budget Forecast 2024-2025**

Discussed and agreed to change the 10,000 and 5,500 to allotment drainage. Also to add the £12,000 monies from Enviromena.

Clerk to telephone Thomas waste for a quote as they have not responded to email.

#### **Precept**

The precept will remain the same for the financial year 2024-2024

#### **Balances and payments for November**

##### Income

Loyalty reward £ 0.60  
Cemetery £600.00  
Field rental £2.00  
VAT reimbursement £3,302.27

##### Outgoings

Admin £20.00  
Bank charges £11.97  
Wages £356.17  
Tax £88.80  
Trade waste £94.30  
Rates £230.00

##### Balances at 30 November

Bank £21,097.47  
Croesffordd £15,446.95

Field account £5,975.66

**2024/8 Member's Verbal Reports**

- a. Councillor Dewi Burford brought up the parking at Cefn Rhigos and the danger this is causing. In addition, there is now a red van parking at the exit of Pen y banc which is obstructing vision coming up the hill from Glynneath and leaving Pen y banc. As it is on the brow you cannot see traffic coming from Aberdare who are moving out to pass cars and other vehicles parked outside the pub and alongside houses at Smiths Avenue.

**2024/9 Any Other Business**

- a. Cllr Wagner to look at purchasing Coronation trees as they can be planted in the spring.
- b. Clerk to send cheque for £70.00 to Mr and Mrs Morgan for the use of their electricity for the Christmas tree.
- c. Solar at the Community centre to be added to the agenda for the meeting and discussed on 12 February 2024.
- d. Two vacancies exist for Community Councillor posts representing Rhigos ward. Clerk to put agreed advert on Rhigos chat.
- e. The website is down and the Community Council will need a new website. Clerk to look into this by the next meeting.
- f. Clerk to write to Mr J about his grazing licence and to give notice to quit by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Also requesting that any livestock and equipment be removed.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 12th February 2024 at 6:45pm at the Community Centre.

Signed

Councillor Pat Oliver

Date