

Cyngor Cymuned

Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 6:45

Present: -

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

Clerk - Alison Williams

Apologies: -

Cllrs – O Morgan

County Cllrs – K Morgan, A Rogers

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

Kath Thomas attended to discuss the family memorial and Nick Vale memorials attended to answer questions.

Following discussion with Nick it was agreed that

- a. A statutory declaration would be required to undertake work and take over a previously purchased plots if the owner is no longer available to authorise. Also if there is more than one family member.
- b. Permits are required from suitably registered masons to undertake work at the cemetery.
- c. The application to be completed by the family and mason will be sent with the grant of licence when a plot is purchased. It should then be returned to the council before any work is undertaken at the cemetery.
- d. A draft letter was agreed that will be sent when the full report is received to those who own graves where memorials have been laid down.

### **Declaration of interest**

None to note

### **Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held Monday 12 February 2024**

It was resolved to confirm the minutes

### **2024/20 Matters Arising**

- a. A letter of resignation has not been received from Cllr Barton and the Clerk will message him and request that he submit this ASAP.

- b. No response has been received from Trevallis and so the Clerk will contact them again.

### **2024/21 Planning Applications**

It was resolved to note that no new applications have been received.

### **2024/22 County Borough Council matters**

It was resolved that the following matters be passed on to County Councillors Rogers and Morgan for their attention. CCllr Rogers will update the monthly report and send it to the clerk.

- a. Litter picking was undertaken on Glynneath bank but is still disgusting and the trees on the bank look scruffy and are balancing on each other.
- b. There is a pot hole on the hill down from the Plough.
- c. The road is badly breaking up from the chapel to the farm at Hendre Fawr.
- d. H.P.Price entrance is breaking up and where the pavement have been cleaned they have left a real mess and they need to be done again.
- e. The culvert that is dropping at Heol y Graig at the crossroads near the park and adjacent with The Bryn is getting worst and has been reported a number of times. Cllr Wagner will contact RCT Council to complain directly to them.
- f. There are pot holes at Heol y Graig , Heol y Bryn to The Bryn and down Heol Gwnrangfryn and Heol y De.
- g. There is loose tarmac outside 47 Heol Esgyn which has also been thrown onto the pavement and a pothole.
- h. The fence at the school is fine but the fence adjacent to the land (with the Christmas tree) opposite the community centre is broken.
- i. The road side is dropping into the culvert opposite the bus shelter at the junction entrance to Heol y Graig . Hammonds undertook work here.

### **2024/23 Rhigos Cemetery**

a. Richard Morgan has kindly opened new gutters to relieve the water in the cremated remains plots and to allow water to soak away.

### **2024/24 Solar**

- a. A quote has been received for the community centre and a smaller system may suffice. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting when Cllr Morgan is in attendance.

### **2024/25 Correspondence**

- a. All email correspondence was received.

### **2024/26 Rhigos Allotments**

- a. An allotment committee has been set.
- b. No report regarding drainage has been received and Cllr Wagner will chase up RCT.

## **2024/27 Accounts**

a. The updated Cash flow forecast was agreed.

### **b. Review of fees**

- a. Cemetery – to remain the same.
- b. Community centre – to remain the same.
- c. Grazing licence – 1. To increase to £750.00 2. To remain the same.

### **c. Balances and payments for January 2024**

#### **Income**

Loyalty reward	£ 0.89
Premises rental	£ 36.00
Vat	£ 1340.82
Grant	£540.00
Cemetery	£2400.00

#### **Outgoings**

Bank charges	£13.90
Wages	£381.61
Utilities	£119.82
Tax	£ 96.06
Trade waste	£138.84
Rates	£230.00
Miscellaneous	£97.58

#### **Balances at 30 September**

Bank	£29,986.29
Croesffordd	£15,446.95
Field account	£6,096.47

## **2024/28 Member's Verbal Reports**

- a. Somebody in an electrical business van is putting rubbish in the cemetery bins.
- b. Bins are needed for plastic bottles at the cemetery. Clerk to contact Veolia.
- c. The wheels on the bin are broken and Cllr Evans will speak to A Thomas about this to see if he can repair.
- d. The fence has still not been repaired and the clerk will contact Martin Gallimore again to arrange a meeting with Cllr Smith and Cllr Morgan.
- e. Cllr Smith has purchased a lock and put this onto the field gate.
- f. The fencing is down at the front and the side of the shop.

- g. The rubbish on Glynneath bank being dumped and burned is getting worst. They are burning most days including Sundays and the items include fridges, settees and upvc windows. Some photographs are available and the Clerk will send these on to Natural Resources Wales.
- h. The community centre needs to be painted and rendering outside is damaged which is allowing damp into the centre. The Clerk will contact RCT landlord to see if they will assist in any way with the costs.

### **2024/29 Any Other Business**

#### **Applications for Post of Councillor**

Applications from Elizabeth Thomas and Andrew Tobin have been received and it was resolved to appoint both applicants to the Community Council. The Clerk will email them to inform them and to pass on the dates of the next meeting.

#### **Thanks**

Thanks was given to Cllr Smith for all the deliveries he undertook to help make the St David's day concert at the Community Centre a success. It was a lovely day.

#### **Website**

The process to find a website provider is ongoing with one quote received. Bilingual is not a requirement for a small Community Council. The Clerk is awaiting a quote from the Website designer for Blaengwrach Community Council and if their price is about the same or less then that one will be sourced as they are more local.

#### **Facebook page**

The Clerk will set up a Community Council Facebook page so that the Council can post on Rhigos chat.

#### **Cemetery Deeds**

The Clerk has received the application form from the land registry and will complete this and return with a request for deeds in relation to the two grid references where the land was split and part sold.

#### **Easter egg hunt**

The Council resolved to agree the use of the Community centre for the children to register on Easter Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> April and to store the Easter eggs.

#### **Film night**

The Council resolved to agree the use of the Community Centre for a film night.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6:45pm at the Community Centre.

Signed

Councillor Pat Oliver

Date