

Cyngor Cymuned
Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 8th April 2024 at 6:45

Present: -

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

County Cllrs – Adam Rogers

Clerk - Alison Williams

Clerk Penderyn – Tracy Sweetland-Hodges

Apologies:

Cllrs – M Smith

Andrew Tobin

County Cllrs – K Morgan

Ask a question by a member of the public

Mr Kahn did not attend.

Presentation Penderyn Clerk

Tracy attended on behalf of Penderyn community centre to request the use of the Rhigos community centre whilst work is being undertaken at Penderyn. The council agreed to rent the centre to the different groups and the Clerk will let them know so they can make the necessary arrangements. When confirmed a notice will also be put onto Rhigos chat as to which groups will be available so residents can join if they wish.

Declaration of interest

None to note.

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

- a. It was noted that the minutes should read 'in the adjacent field' and not in the cremated remains area.
- b. It was resolved to confirm the minutes.

2024/29 Matters Arising

- a. A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr Barton and the Clerk will write to him to thank him for his service.

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

2024/30 Planning Applications

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

2024/31 County Borough Council matters

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

- a. Some of the potholes marked yellow have not been repaired. Others have been measured by RCT highways and are not deep enough to be repaired. Everyone needs to go onto the RCT report it section of their website and keep reporting issues with the road.
- b. Litter picking was undertaken on Glynneath bank but still needs doing. Parish road rubbish is really bad and there is a lot of equipment there. What is going on?
- c. What is happening with parish road? Villagers want it opened. It should have been tarmacked and re-opened.
- d. The motorbikes are in breach of their planning. There are more than ten and no signage. Planning was passed on the old tracks, and they are now making new ones. Cllr Rogers will contact RCT Planning and NPT.
- e. Speed limits have not been reduced.
- f. The trees at The Plough have not been cut back. They have only been cut to the height of the cutter and that is not enough.
- g. The parking in Cefn Rhigos is getting dangerous with the road on times reduced to a single road. The Clerk will re-send photographs to Cllr Rogers.
- h. The Local Development Plan areas for Rhigos were dismissed at the first stage.
- i. The contractors have taken the trees down at Brynhir but they have been felled and left leaning on each other.
- j. The water on the road at Cludfan is now running red.
- k. There are big stones on the road from Tower ending by Cynlas. They came off the back of a vehicle.
- l. South Wales Police held a question and answer session with residents in Penderyn and it would be good if our PCSO could do this at Rhigos Community centre. Clerk to speak with PCSO.

2024/32 Rhigos Cemetery

- a. Clerk to check on the larger memorial size in RCT cremated remains plots.
- b. The comprehensive report from Vale memorials has been received and letters will go out imminently.
- c. If memorials have been raised by someone other than a qualified mason and where no conformity guarantee has been received, a follow up letter will be sent. This will provide a specific date by which the Council needs to be contacted. If no contact is made the memorial will be laid down again.
- c. It was resolved to elect Cllr P Oliver as the Councillor for the cemetery and to work in conjunction with the Clerk.

2024/33 Solar

- a. Two options were presented to the Council who resolved to go with the smaller option of fourteen panels as thirty six panels was deemed too many. This quote also included a 7.5 kw storage battery.

2024/34 Correspondence

- a. Resignation from Davey Barton received.
- b. All others received by e-mail and noted.

2024/35 Rhigos Allotments

- a. No report regarding drainage has been received and Cllr Wagner has emailed but had no response. She will contact them again by telephone.
- b. Cllr Wagner to collect monies due for the next year financial year.
- c. Clerk to send Cllr Wagner the Council Bank details.
- d. What appears to be asbestos has been dumped. Cllr Hopes will ask Shaun to check.

2024/36 Accounts

Balances and payments for February 2024

Income

Loyalty reward	£ 0.88
Cemetery	£600.00
Enviomena	£12,000.00

Outgoings

Bank charges	£13.87
Community centre	£561.27
Donation Marie Curie	£51.75
Tax	£ 93.26
Trade waste	£103.39
Utilities	£441.77
Wages	£384.41

Balances at 28 February 2024

Bank	£28,949.45
Croesfordd	£15,446.95
Field	£18,126.16 following transfer of £12,000.00)

2024/37 Member's Verbal Reports

- a. Three cherry trees have been purchased to represent the Coronation and the Clerk will ask Mr Alan Thomas if he is happy to plant them. One by the seat in the village, one at Smith Avenue and one in Waungron.

2024/38 Any Other Business

The field

- a. Cllr Morgan to arrange to meet Martin Gallimore of Future Valleys Wales about the fence and gate and obtain a price to clear the field for grazing.
- b. No sealed bids were received.

Meters

These have now been installed for both gas and electricity.

Internal auditor

Council resolved to appoint the same auditor for 2023-2024.

Website

The Council resolved to employ Wired Up Wales to build the new website.

Facebook page

This is now live for the Council to post information only.

Electricity

Clerk to speak with the electrician to get PAT testing done as soon as possible and to check if an intruder alarm is required for insurance purposes.

Trade waste and new recycling regulations Wales

Clerk to check new regulations and purchase bins if necessary.

Date of next meeting

Monday 13th May 2024 at 6:45pm at the Community Centre.

Signed

Councillor Pat Oliver

Date