Cyngor Cymuned
Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 13 January 2025 at 6:45pm

Present: -

Cllrs-, P.Oliver (Chair) M.G.Evans (Vice chair) , C.Hopes, , H.Wagner,. S.Oliver (via teams), D.Burford, E.Thomas

County Cllr- K.Morgan

Clerk - Alison Williams

Apologies: -

Cllrs- O.Morgan, M. Smith , A.Tobin

County Cllr- A.Rogers

Ask a question by a member of the public

None to note.

Declaration of interest

None to note.

Photography and social media -James Woodward

James came to the meeting to discuss the Council's needs in relation to social media.
James was thanked for his time and he will be contacted if anything is required in the future.

Presentation of speed amendments to Rhigos - Dylan Kelleher RCT

Dylan from RCT Highways met with Councillors to discuss the speedlimits around Rhigos.

Dylan agreed to discuss the measuring work that is being undertaken outside the school with the highways department as this is not his budget.

Dylan will return to update.

Road Surface

CCllr K Morgan has spoken to the assessor and he is visiting again this week.

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held Monday 9th December 2024

It was resolved to confirm the minutes.

2025/1 Matters Arising

None to note

2025/2 Planning Applications

a. Extension at 4 Smiths Avenue – no objections.

2025/3 County Borough Council matters

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

a. A filming company will be filming on 17th, 18th, and 19th of January. Walters LTD have given permission for the vehicles to be parked on land adjacent to Longmead Park. This is likely to make the road at Longmead Park worse than it is already. They do have the right of way across this road but may be open to resurfacing the road, especially if this is going to be a regular event. Residents will need to contact Walters ltd about this.
b. CCllr K.Morgan contacted the flood risk scheme manager. It is coming close to Tower Colliery possibly having permission for restoration and the road being passed back to RCT. He did not feel that the water was coming from the culvert but from the field above. He did acknowledge that every time it rains it is flooding and warrants further investigation .CCllr Morgan also asked him about the materials that were left and need to be removed.
c. The Highways maintenance manager will be coming to Rhigos to look at the state of the roads.

2025/4 Rhigos Cemetery

a.Clerk to chase up the estimate for the fencing.
b. Clerk to write to the grave owners who have new Memorials with no permit received.

2025/5 Correspondence

a. All email correspondence was received.
b. Clerk to contact Glynneath Tea Rooms about empty cupboards.

2025/6 Rhigos Allotments

None to discuss.

2025/7 Accounts

Community Council resolved to keep the Preceot to the same amount as 2023-2024

a. **Balances and payments for 31 December**

Income

Loyalty reward	£0.00
Premises rental	£372.50
Cemetery	£1,400.00

Precept	£5,666.67
Outgoings	
Amazon Flag pole	£27.94
Bank charges	£10.90
British Gas	£205.31
Council Tax	£242.00
Cemetery Alan	£ 0.00
Wages	£542.94
Tax	£0.00 (Tax in credit from 2022 so balancing accounts)
Trade waste	£154.76
Telephone	£168.17
Website	£6.00

b. **Account Balances at 31 December 2024**

Bank	£33,005.88
Croesffordd	£15,446.95
Field account	£17,545.94

2025/8 Member's Verbal Reports

a. There is a lot of litter on Glynneath bank and the drains need to be cleaned out. This also applies to the whole of Rhigos.
b. There are trees on Glynneath bank that are overhanging and need cutting back because they will come down in any storms.
c. Cllr H. Wagner is meeting the Project Office Howell Tanner Keep Wales Tidy .If anyone wants to join in with the clean-up they can and he will bring high visibility vests. This could be done in conjunction with the youth club.
d. There are bags being dumped again on Parish Road.
e. At halt road opposite 13+14 there are two big branches sticking out and catching on higher vehicles. They are on RCT land.
f. The new road on Rhigos mountain has a very big bump in it.It was notthere previously amd needs looking at.
g. At Pennant bungalow there is a lot of debris on the side of the road and a lot of rubbish.
h. There was an accident recently when an overtaking car went off the road at the entrance to the village. If they had ended up on the other side of the road the car would have gone down the incline and the result could have been much worst than it was.

2025/9 Any Other Business

a. Clerk to chase up cold scheme grant payment.
b. Field rent - A resident has asked to take over the small field that is licenced for grazing by the Community Council. As this is already rented they have been told that the

current licence holder will need to relinquish the licence if they wish to do so. An advert will then be posted and those interested can apply.

c. Defibrillators - A residents asked about having a defibrillator in Halt road. There are a number of defibrillators nearby at the factories and these are open for all to use. Clerk will add the defibrillator link to the website and Rhigos chat.
d. Minutes – A resident asked about seeing Community Council Minutes. They were not aware they were posted on the website and at the Community Centre.
e. The Freedom of Information Act request to Neath Port Talbot has been received and the Clerk will post the response on the website and Rhigos chat .

Date of next meeting

Monday 10th February 2025 at 6:45pm Rhigos Community Centre

Signed Date

Councillor Pat Oliver