

## **Rhigos report- October**

### **Police issues**

We are arranging a Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting with our PCSOs for the evening of October 16<sup>th</sup> at Hirwaun YMCA at 6pm. Subsequent meetings will be rotated in our 3 villages. All welcome!

### **Highways**

The consultation on the 20mph speed limits review is now open. 26 roads across RCT are being considered for reversion to 30mph. The consultation will run from September 22<sup>nd</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup>. To respond, please search the RCT Council website.

Highway resurfacing has been approved for Heol-y-Graig, Rhigos. Date to be confirmed.

We've had complaints about the condition of the stretch of the old A465 (running between Rhigos roundabout and Trewaun). SWTRA currently retains responsibility for the section between Trewaun and Rhigos. Discussions and development for this stretch are still at an early stage, and the necessary works still need to be agreed upon, however progress is being made.

We have again shared concerns with the white lines on both the Rhigos roundabouts. The Rhigos junction (roundabouts) have not yet been handed over to RCTCBC but FVC will be contacted to investigate this and get the works completed as part of their remedial works.

An officer inspected the loose Industrial Estate sign along Rhigos Road. A works ticket has been issued to get this rectified.

We asked for an update on when the Heol-y-Graig sign will be fixed. RCT responded that the sign has been passed over to be processed.

### **Streetcare**

Upcoming black waste collection days- Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Flytipping**

Reported flytipping along Parish Road

### **Flooding**

Requested drains to be inspected and cleared- *Mount Road*                      *Rhigos Road, Walters to bottom of Rhigos Mountain*

### **Trees/Overgrowth**

We shared concerns with the trees along the Old Glynneath Bank and Rhigos Road to the Council. They responded that an officer would look at these locations and any urgent issues identified would be addressed promptly. These areas have been included in the Autumn roadworks programme.

### **Trivallis**

We have asked Trivallis to check Rhigos for any untidy properties. We have had reports of large furniture being dumped outside a few

### **Rhigos Primary School Site**

We reported the school alarm sounding twice at the end of September. A caretaker attended and noted an issue with the ladies w/c which may have caused the issue.

The Cynefin Rhigos group visited the school site with Cwmpas and RCT representatives to see the current condition of the school and to help with the vision that the group has. It has taken a few weeks but RCT has contacted Cynefin Rhigos with a positive message:

“In recognition of the calibre of the named individuals representing ‘Cynefin Rhigos’ and the support you are receiving from Cwmpas, the panel would like to invite you to the next stage of the CAT process.”

### **Questions submitted to Council’s Cabinet in September**

Councillor Karen Morgan- “As Leader of this Council, you have recently stated in the media that ‘it is unlikely that the cuts to home to school transport will be reversed without extra funding from Welsh Government’. This matter should not be delayed pending the recent extension of the Welsh Government Learner travel operational guidance 2025 consultation. As Leader of this Council will you write to the Minister Ken Skates MS conveying the feedback from all those affected regarding the negative impact of the cuts, and request the funding needed as a matter of urgency”

Councillor Adam Owain Rogers- “We have all seen on social media and tv the negative impact of the school transport cuts made by the Council’s Cabinet. Will the Cabinet Member provide a response to those awful experiences of students and their parents, following the cuts that started at the beginning of this school term?”

### **Full Council**

RCT Councillors unanimously supported Plaid Cymru’s proposal to use our Council to maximise youth political engagement. Our Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor Sera Evans and seconded by Councillor Adam Owain Rogers requests that the Democratic Services Committee receives an Officer report, which will consider:

- A review of the actions taken to-date in respect of this area for democratic participation;
- Commissioning a series of interactive and engaging sessions to Years 11-13 students in all its secondary settings; and
- Exploring innovative digital mechanisms to enhance youth participation in future elections.