

Cyngor Cymuned
Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 8th September 2025 at 6:45

Present: -

Cllrs- P.Oliver (Chair) M.G.Evans (Vice chair) , E.Thomas, M.Smith, A.Tobin, O.Morgan,
S.Oliver, C.Simons

County Cllrs- A.Rogers, K.Morgan

Clerk- Alison Williams

Apologies:-

Cllr H. Wagner

Ask a question by a member of the public

No attendees

Declaration of interest

None to note

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held Monday 14th July 2025

It was resolved to confirm the minutes.

2025/38 Matters Arising

- a. It was agreed after discussion that Cllr. Evans would confirm with RCTCBC the installation of a Zip Wire in the park.
- b. CCllr.Morgan agreed to send details to the Clerk of any charities or grants that are available.

2025/39 Planning Applications

- a. Food van at Pontneddfechan .
- b. Change to previous condition at 10 Halt road.

2025/40 County Borough Council matters

- a. It was noted that there have been new gullys placed at Hirwaun roundabout, the gutters have been emptied out and everything looks much better.
- b. The old A465 road opposite where the flats use to be has a lot of potholes. If RCT have not taken it over then can this be escalated to Future Valleys Wales? Someone has to be responsible for it and this needs to be addressed.

- c. The tree opposite the bungalow on the top of the old Glynneath bank will fall soon. This was reported at least 6 months ago and the PIN was sent on What3Words by Cllr O. Morgan. There are also falling trees at Plas Newydd and Werfa and they have been like this for two years .They keep blowing into the lorries mirrors as they pass and the road signs cannot be seen.
- d. The signs have not been put back at the bottom of Heol Y Graig crossroads.
- e. A parcel box has been placed outside the shop on RCT land. Who owns it?
- f. The trees in the Gully passageway is overgrown with trees and braches which are covering the lights. Left hand side is Trevalis. Right hand side is private.
- g. The grass that was cut at Cwrt Bryn Isaf was left there and not cleared up.
- h. The grass at The Bryn has still not been cut. Also the grass from Tan y Bryn to Gwrangfryn.It was included in the rolling programme so should be cut .This has been reported previously.
- i. There are a lot of stones outside 24 Heol Esgyn .They will be dangerous when the' fly up'.
- j. The drain from Walters towards Treherbert needs cleaning out. Also at Penywaun farm. It will flood with leaves if it is not cleaned.
- k. There are trees on RCT ground that have not been cut. The cutting was started but not finished.
- l. There is no planning application current for the Tower land despite rumours to the contrary.
- m. There is rubbish on the corner at the top of the hill by the Plough. The red barrier that was there has been left open .If there were two barriers then it would stop people going there and tipping. There could be room left for a motorbike. The Clerk will go back to the landowner again and request that the barrier be put back.
- n. CCllr Morgan will enquire with RCT council about the supply of sanitary products for the Community centre.
- o. The sign opposite Halt road and the bungalow opposite is a bit wobbly. If it comes off it could damage the house or a car.
- p. The footpath from the junction of Heol y Graig crossing to the bus shelter down towards Aberdare is overgrown and not compliant. There is grass growing through it. The path is getting smaller and smaller. There is also a pothole that is making it almost impossible to walk
- q. There was nearly an accident on parish road in July, which was reported, as the road is getting smaller and smaller.1/3 of the tarmac has been lost with 100m highway one side and 700m the other. Cllr Morgan measured it .It is a public highway. They won't close it so it has to be kept up to standard. If there is an accident then why should the local farmer or anyone else have to use their insurance? It should be RCT Insurance that covers any accidents. If anyone is riding or walking they have nowhere to go if a vehicle comes along. There are also overhanging trees which means you have to walk on the middle of the road. It will get so bad it will be unrepairable. Or is that what they want? It is not safe in its present state.
- r. The trees on Glynneath bank need cutting back .They have been done at Neath Port Talbot end and that is much better.
- s. There is a grit box at Heol y Bryn. Can we have another on the corner of Heol y De, on The Bryn and another on Heol Gwrangfryn?

2025/41 Cemetery

- a. The gates of the cemetery are in need of painting and a sign is need showing that it is Rhigos cemetery. Cllr Tobin agreed to contact Dan Dudley about this and the Clerk will

look into the costs of having a sign made. Also a new sign that says no dogs other than guide dogs.

2025/42 Correspondence

- a. A request has been received to hire the hall for music practice and the caretaker's number will be given to the correspondent.
- b. RCT CBC have responded to requests emails to undertake work on the community centre and papers will now be sent by them for signing and they will be returned ASAP by the Clerk.

2025/43 Rhigos allotments

- a. It was agreed that the allotment society can put a poly tunnel on the vacant plot and the Clerk will write to Cllr Tobin to confirm this.

2025/44 Accounts

- a. End of year accounts have been sent to Wales Audit.
- b. Council resolved to increase the salaries in line with the 2025-2026 NALC increase. Notice of which was released in September 2025 .

c. 2025/45 Member's Verbal Reports

School building

A meeting was held about the school building which CCllr K Morgan attended and it was agreed that any monies need to be kept within the community and used for the community.

Wreath for VE day

Clerk to contact Dewi Burford for an invoice.

Grazing licences

The grazing licence for the land at Hirwaun Roundabout will be renewed for another 11 months until July 2026 and for the current charge. The Clerk will write to RD to ask about their intentions regarding the licence for the land opposite the school.

Rhigos sign

The gold lettering on the sign at the Aberdare end is chipped and Cllr Smith agreed to paint it.

Christmas tree

Clerk to obtain a price for the biggest root ball tree from Gower Fresh Christmas trees. Also a price for a Nadolig Llawen sign for the community centre.

PSSO

Clerk will contact the new PSSO to arrange for them to attend the next Community Council meeting as Danielle is no longer the PSSO for Rhigos.

Councillor vacancy

The Clerk will place an advert on the Community Council website and on Rhigos chat.

Allowances

Councillor allowance were offered but not taken and Clerk will inform IRP .Chairs allowance to be paid and chair will donate to charity of choice.

Date of next meeting

Monday 13th October 2025 at 6:45pm Rhigos Community Centre.

Signed

Date

Councillor Pat Oliver