

Cyngor Cymuned Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 6:45

Present: -

Cllrs- P.Oliver (Chair), E.Thomas, M.Smith, A.Tobin, O.Morgan, C.Simons ,H. Wagner

County Cllrs- A.Rogers, K.Morgan

Clerk- Alison Williams

Apologies:-

Cllr. M.G.Evans (Vice chair) ,Cllr.S.Oliver

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 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

It was resolved to confirm the minutes.

**2025/46 Matters Arising**

None to note

**2025/47 Planning Applications**

a. None to note

**2025/48 County Borough Council matters**

- a. There have been complaints about the rubbish outside one of the properties in the village. Furniture outside and rubbish and recycling not collected. Possibly contaminated business rubbish? Couch with skeletons and mummies on it. Trevalis need to do more inspections and a walkabout please.
- b. What is happening with Parish Road ? The Ombudsman needs to be involved now as this has been going on for many years and still no resolution.
- c. Street lights are permanently on at no 9 Heol y Graig and no 26 at Parish road and 41 between the Plough and Shands.
- d. Road signs have still not been fixed at the bottom of Heol y Graig.

- e. There were repairs and updating to the fibre optic cable at night and the cables were across the main road. The workers had no PPE and there was no road containment from 8:30pm to midnight.
- f. The path from No 4 Heol Gwrafrwyn up is covered in moss and there is not much pavement left at all.
- g. Between 3 and 5 Heol y Bryn the chippings need sweeping away as it is quite dangerous when the stones fly up from the road.
- h. The pavement outside 24, Heol Esgyn needs sweeping and the pavements from there up are really in need of cleaning /repair.
- i. There are weeds growing out of the kerbs everywhere. Any weed killer had not been killing anything so whatever they are using is not working.
- j. A full litter pick is needed around the estate.
- k. The grass at The Bryn to Glasfryn has still not been cut since April and the community council has requested this be done every month since. It has been done for at least the last 20 years.

### **2025/49 Cemetery**

- a. Cllr Tobin agreed to contact Dan Dudley about the cemetery sign.
- b. The fence is broken and permission will be discussed with the adjacent landowner.
- c. Clerk to contact Highways about signs on the main road leading to the cemetery from both Aberdare and Glynneath side.

### **2025/50 Correspondence**

- a. The Clerk will call a finance meeting to discuss the grant applications.

### **2025/51 Rhigos allotments**

- a. The discounted allotment is because there is a shed on it taking up some space from the renter. **2025/52 Accounts**

- a. The auditor has contacted the Clerk with a number of queries that have all been answered.
- b. It was agreed to purchase a microwave oven, George Foreman Grill, air fryer, hoover filters, an HDMI cable and a cupboard for storing hazardous cleaning products. The kitchen items will be paid for from the Safe and warm hub grant.
- c. It was agreed to purchase the largest root ball Christmas tree from Hirwaun Garden centre and this will be delivered on 17th November.
- d. It was agreed to purchase a Nadolig Llawen Christmas sign for the community centre window.
- e. All community centre rental monies that were received were receipted by the Clerk.
- f. It was agreed to offer only the smaller amount of grant and the Clerk will amend the application form.

### **2025/53 Member's Verbal Reports**

- a. Cllr Smith has sprayed the weeds around the community centre and was thanked for his time and efforts.
- b. Cllr Tobin and Cllr Wagner will meet with highways to look at where to place the benches as soon as the highways department responds to the Clerk.

#### Grazing licences

The current renters have asked to keep the land near the school. It needs to be cleared and is not currently grazeable. Cllr. Morgan will obtain a price to clear it and Cllr. Tobin will speak with the renters about it.

#### Hygiene certificate

Cllr Hopes already has a certificate and Cllr. Wagner will look to complete the certificate as soon as possible.

#### Councillor vacancy

One application was received and no requests were made for an election. Therefore the Clerk will write to Elisha Jones to accept her application and inform her of her success. We look forward to welcoming her at the next meeting.

#### Pumpkin Picking

The pumpkin pick will take place on Sunday and it was agreed that the tea urn and hot water can be used for tea and coffee.

#### Period Poverty

The Clerk will contact the Clerk at Hirwaun to discuss the best supplier along with the RCT grant scheme.

#### Lagging of community centre pipes

Clerk to obtain price from the plumber and one other.

#### Electrical innovation

Clerk to write a thank you letter to Electrical innovation for the work undertaken at the Community Centre.

#### Shared Charter

The Community Council resolved to accept the shared charter Engagement Forum Terms of Reference

#### Solar and batteries

Electrical innovation installed the solar and batteries on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September. They also installed the thermostat for Hive. They have also changed all the lighting so that it goes off and on automatically.

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

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 6:45pm Rhigos Community Centre.

Signed

Date

Councillor Pat Oliver