

Cyngor Cymuned
Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 9th March 2026 at 6:45pm

Present: -

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

County Cllr - A.Rogers

Clerk- Alison Williams

Apologies:-

Cllrs.- S.Oliver, Elisha Jones, C.Simons

County Cllr. - K.Morgan,

Introductions

Ask a question by a member of the public

None

Declaration of interest

None

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It was resolved to confirm the minutes.

2026/19 Matters Arising

The landslide is opossote the bus stop on the main road.

2026/20 Planning Applications

- a. None to note

2026/21 County Borough Council matters

Previously reported

- a. Again potholes that were reported were marked in yellow and some have been filled but not all and not to a very good standard. Mount road to Parish road is dreadful and there is no logic as to how they have been done. Some have just had tarmac

dropped in the hole and some are already coming out and need filling again. The state of the roads is appalling.

- b. The green fencing at the land adjacent to the shop is still falling down and the land owner adjacent to the falling fence line is taking the land little by little and concreting it and built a retaining wall. RCT were going to find the owner of the fenced land.
- c. A concern has been raised several times about the land slippage opposite the bus stop. Still no resolution.
- d. The industrial estate maintenance is shocking and RCT were asked who is responsible and can they look at it.
- e. The three lane road that comes up to the main Rhigos roundabout is still not finished. When will this be done? It is the only piece of the duelling not completed.
- f. Again, the drainage along Glynneath bank that was undertaken has been ruined by recent cabling works. The chippings are there but are contaminated with muck and the land drain no longer exists. This has still not been rectified.

New Matters

- a. The tree that was reported previously on numerous occasions as balancing on another branch is still there. It will fall if we have high winds. Looking at the map sent by RCT they have not gone down the bank far enough to check. It is right by the side of the RCT layby. They have marked trees but they are the ones that have ash dieback disease. This tree is covered in ivy and it is urgent that this is made safe.
- b. The industrial estate roads are also dreadful and in a horrendous state of repair.
- c. There are trees on the Glynneath bank near to the two farm gates half way down that need to be cut back. They are hanging on council land outside of the yellow area. The highways department are still responsible for the verges along that area.
- d. The street light at the entrance to Halt Close is continuously flashing. Another light is not on near to Werfa farm between the stable and the entrance. It is on a wooden post with no number. The street light at the end of Longmead Park is not working and a piece looks to have fallen off and has been put safely behind the lamp post.
- e. The amount of light being omitted overnight by Hirwaun Power is massive and can be seen from miles away. Is this something that was curtailed in their planning application as it is light pollution? Can this be reviewed?
- f. Is there a notice of traffic management for the solar farm as yet?
- g. There is still rubbish on Rhigos road between the bungalow and Fairways and a dumpy bag opposite the cemetery. The new roundabout is also full of rubbish.
- h. They are burning again in the yard down Glynneath bank on a daily basis and clouds of smoke can be seen from the Smiths Avenue area and Pen y banc.
- i. The bins opposite the school and at Heol Y Graig are full to overflowing.
- j. The speed bump nearest to the exit of the village is already breaking up.
- k. The road at the residential home on Rhigos Road is breaking up again.
- l. There was a big write-up in the Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos magazine about the Estyn report for Hirwaun School but nothing about the wonderful report that was had by Penderyn School. Could this report be published also when Cllr. Oliver finds out from the school what part of the report they want to share?
- m. The pavement at the bottom of the Glynneath bank near to Pontwalby is covered in moss etc. Please can this be cleaned? It is part RCTCBC part NPTCBC. Maybe also contact Simon Noyle?

2026/22 Cemetery

- a. There are trees that need to be cut along with the hedge and Cllr. Smith will obtain an estimate for this work.

2026/23 Correspondence

- a. All email correspondence passed to Council.

2026/24 Rhigos allotments

- a. Cllr. Wagner to send account details to the Clerk so the grant can be paid.

2026/25 Accounts

- a. Council resolved to retain the current rental cost for the community centre and also the cemetery and allotment charges.
- b. Council resolved that that the Clerk purchase cleaning materials, gorilla tape and mounting tape for the community centre and also agreed the purchase of a mop and bucket, a battery and fire sign, a fire alarm key and a caution wet floor sign. Cllr. M. Smith agreed to put up the battery sign and to look at the toilet flush on the gents.
- c. Council resolved to pay a grant of £500.00 to Rhigos Rugby Club towards solar panels. This will enable them to reduce their costs.

2026/26 Member's Verbal Reports

- a. A number of councillors met with Dean from RCT re surveillance cameras. CCTV cameras can be installed and installation a monitoring can be undertaken by RCT for a monthly fee. They will also put up signs, notices and assist with the prosecution of offenders. It was agreed to purchase four number 4G cameras and the Clerk will contact Dean to organise this.
- b. The electrician spoke with Cllr. Evans and he said to check the outside light again but it is definitely not working. The Clerk will contact him about this and the metal consumer unit that he has been asked to install.
- c. The food hygiene inspectors have requested that an additional basin be installed in the kitchen so hand washing can take place separately. The plumber also suggested "caution hot water signage "or temperature modifiers. Cllr. Evans has discussed this with the plumber and she will confirm with him that he is to go ahead and ask him to contact the Clerk. Council agreed that this work be done.
- d. The toilet in the men's toilet has a flush that is sticking down and so the water is continually running. Cllr. Smith agreed to look at this.
- e. The Parish road Ombudsman letter needs to go out and Cllr. O. Morgan will send Clerk additional details for the letter.
- f.

2026/27 Any Other Business

Date of next meeting

Monday April 13th 2026 at 6:45pm Rhigos Community Centre.

Signed

Date

Councillor Pat Oliver