

Rhigos report- July

Police

Cuppa with a Copper- Rhigos Community Centre, Wednesday 12th August 10am

Streetcare

Next black bag waste collection date is Friday 24th July.

Requested street signage to be jet washed across Rhigos.



Trees

Requested a meeting between Rhigos Community Council and Council's Trees department. We have reported several issues which have not been addressed and clarification is needed.

Highways

Queried how long it will take for the marked potholes on Rhigos Road to be filled- "The patches on Rhigos Rd have been added to the mini plainer program and passed to an external contractor, when they have scheduled them, I am not sure."

Reported potholes near *Rhigos Rugby Club* and *Cwm Hwnt*

Reported damaged pavement along *Rhigos Road before New Inn*

Public buses

Cheaper bus travel- £1.50 maximum single fare for all journeys that start and end within RCT.
July 18th-August 31st.

Reported two stops with no timetables, one missing a flag on pole. Both in *Cwm Hwnt*.



Rhigos School

Asked if the alarm which is sounding is burglar or fire related

Council Meetings

Councillor questions:

Cllr Adam Owain Rogers- “The wishes of the community of Rhigos have been brushed aside yet again with the rejection of Cynefin Rhigos' business proposal for the school site. By its own admission, the Council's Community Asset Transfer process has flaws which limit community groups' chances of applications being successful. Will the Leader of the Council and the responsible Cabinet Member, Cllr Ros Davis, commit to meet with Cynefin Rhigos as a matter of urgency to learn more about those flaws?”

Cllr Karen Morgan- “Throughout the Rhigos School closure process, RCT Cabinet Members and Senior Officers repeatedly promised that they would work with any community groups who came forward to ensure the school site remained available as a community resource. They raised our community's hopes and expectations. Rhigos residents now believe that those were false promises and do not believe that this Council were ever sincere about working with the community for the benefit of Rhigos. Cllr Crimmings, you have stated that

“as the new Council Leader you are committed to being visible, approachable and listening to residents’ views, that you are here to try and improve our communities.” Will you now deliver on that commitment and meet with Cynefin Rhigos and Rhigos residents to hear their views and find a way forward for the school site for the benefit of all?”

RCT Labour voted against call to provide sustainable funding for ALN support

- RCT Labour presented an urgent Notice of Motion which was a misrepresentation of facts and only asked for a one-off payment to support Additional Learning Needs across Wales.
- RCT Plaid Cymru presented an amendment to this motion which recognised that ALN support needs a sustainable, strategic approach as part of a longer-term investment plan across multiple financial years. Not just a sticking plaster!
- RCT Labour disagreed and voted against the amendment.
- Plaid Cymru, at a local level here in RCT and nationally across Wales, are absolutely committed to children and young people with additional learning needs. The whole system needs addressing.
- RCT Plaid Cymru were forced to abstain from voting for Labour’s inaccurate, inadequate motion, it would have been hypocritical to do anything else much the same as Labour’s urgency now when they had 27 years to put ALN on a sustainable financial footing and failed to do so!

Plaid Cymru Councillors supported calls to reaffirm the Council’s commitment to preventing domestic abuse and supporting survivors, and develop further opportunities to strengthen local prevention, early intervention, and support services. We put in an amendment to add an invitation to the National Adviser for Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) to address full Council. For all councillors to better understand the issues and improve our provision. This was approved.