

Rhigos Report- 8.1.2024

Litter

- Requested if a more regular litter pick could be done around Rhigos village and along the road leading to Pontwalby. Officer- "Rhigos is on the Cynon schedule to be picked weekly, we don't have the resources to arrange further cleansing I'm sorry."

Trees

- Report that a tree has come down near the start of Heol-y-Graig.
- More trees have come down along Rhigos Road (inwards not out onto road). Reported.
- Between the Rugby Club and Plough, trees on the left are leaning over onto road. Not looking safe. Reported.

Overgrowth

- Reported an overgrown hedge at Cwrt Bryn Isaf.

Heol-y-Graig wall

- RCT have inspected the wall and responded- "The wall acts as a retaining wall for the land registered as private ownership above Heol Y Graig, Rhigos... I have been in contact with a member of the building control team. They have advised that the current condition of the private wall is not a risk to members of the public."

Lighting

- Reported a streetlight on the roundabout near the Industrial Estate, after Tower site, is flashing.

Flooding

- Queried if the Council has looked into Pendarren Court flooding. Sent video evidence.

Highways

- Reported damaged traffic signs outside Cysgod y Mynydd, Smith's Avenue. Asked if something else could be placed there as it is not the first time they have been damaged. Officer- "I can only issue works tickets to maintain as is i.e. replace the damaged bollards and speed limit signage- These tickets have now been issued."

Hirwaun Power

- An extension to the current working hours has been refused by RCT:
"While it may well be that works will not be continuous, there is no schedule that would offer local residents and businesses any comfort that the proposed operations (outside of the existing permitted hours) would be of a duration that could be endured and there is no evidence submitted demonstrating that residents and businesses have either been or will be consulted or notified of any impending works. While I note your comments that noise levels would be monitored, no details have been provided to show how that would work in practice should noise levels exceed acceptable levels."
- MYTILINEOS and Allelys invited us and residents to a presentation on the transport of large loads through Crematorium Road and Croesbychan. We were told that the route from Newport Docks to Hirwaun Industrial Estate (through Crematorium Road and Croesbychan) is the only possible route. There will be three separate road closures in place this month. The original plan was for the route to continue on the A465 but due to the weight of the load, it is not possible. Frustratingly, residents were not communicated to as they should have been.

It is the responsibility of the promoter to communicate and inform residents of such plans. Despite the many concerns, we were told that this project will need to go ahead this month.

Save Rhigos Primary School

- A “call-in” has been requested and will be considered on January 11th by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee which will determine whether or not to refer the matter back to Cabinet for reconsideration.

RCT Council

- Two consultations will close on January 8th:

Continuation of Free Breakfast Club Provision in Primary and Special Schools with the Introduction of a Charge for the Additional Childcare Element

Consultation on the Council's Home to School Transport Policy