

Cyngor Cymuned
Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 12th February 2024 at 6:45

Present: -

Cllrs- P Oliver, M.G. Evans, O Morgan, C Hopes, , M Smith, H Wagner, D Burford

Clerk - Alison Williams

County Cllrs - A Rogers

Apologies: -

Cllr - D Barton

County Cllrs – K Morgan

Ask a question by a member of the public

None

Declaration of interest

None to note

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held Monday 08th January 2024

It was resolved to confirm the minutes

2024/10 Matters Arising

- a. There has been no update on the planning application for 5th Avenue Guest house and CCllr Rogers will go back to RCT to see what is happening.
- b. The post office will need to be contacted about the post on the mailbox at Smiths Avenue and the Clerk will do this.

2024/11 Planning Applications

It was resolved to note that:
No new applications received

2024/12 County Borough Council matters

It was resolved that the following matters be passed on to County Councillors Rogers and Morgan for their attention.

- a. Litter picking was undertaken on Glynneath bank but is still disgusting.

- b. The road in the industrial estate is very bad from behind Walters to Pine Beam. If this does not belong to RCT please can RCT write to the new owners? Main Avenue, sixteen and seventeen.
- c. The paths from Tower to Rhigos need to be swept. They have not been done eastbound only westbound. The walk at H.P Price is terrible.
- d. Potholes in the main road from Walters are getting worst .There is a very large pot hole in the road at the flats and at the temporary roundabout to Aberdare.
- e. The tree opposite Cludfan has not been done and there is a lot of water there coming out of the ground and the pavement is also wet. It needs a land drain.
- f. Twelve or so cat's eyes are missing again on the road from the rugby club.
- g. The bin at the end of Mount road junction onto Smiths Avenue is still damaged with the bottom hanging out.
- h. Many of the pavements around the village need cleaning.
- i. A sign is needed that says Rhigos .There is a new sign but that is for Treherbert.
- j. There are still issues with the fires on Glynneath bank.
- k. The speed limit around the village needs to be reduced especially as the motorbike park will be open soon.
- l. On Rhigos road where the gas complex is there is a manhole cover where the road is showing higher and the manhole needs lifting as it could cause damage.
- m. Parish road has been cut back but very poorly. There is no room to pass.
- n. There are still overhanging trees on footpaths and the highway. There is one nasty one by the New Inn and one near the Plough.
- o. The hedges on the Vole road need to be cut right back up as far as the waterworks gate.
- p. The old signpost opposite 1a Mount Road is rotten and needs removing.
- q. Parking along Smiths Avenue and Pen y banc is an issue and is very dangerous. Please can yellow lines and no pavement parking be placed along the length of Pen y banc and down the hill towards Glynneath along the pavement length?
- r. Someone has taken to playing golf and there are holes in the solar panels.
- s. A dog bin is needed between Heol y Graig and the old chapel.
- t. Where trees have been cut near to the park the fence is down and needs repairing and the gate needs to be closed.
- u. The road that is sinking near to the bus shelter ,at the turning into the village on the main road,it can now be felt when walking on the pavement. The ditch also needs cleaning all the way from Cludfan bungalow to the bottom of Heol y Graig at the junction .

2024/13 Rhigos Cemetery

- a. Following notices on the cemetery gate, at the shop and at the Community centre the Clerk is to add notices to Rhigos chat, the cemetery gates and in the Community Centre about the risk assessment ongoing at the cemetery. Letters to be sent on receipt of report from Vale memorials. Clerk to ask when report will be received as letters need to go out to owners.
- b. The ground at the bottom of the cemetery for cremated remains is very wet and so the next available plot will be E40 and the others will be left for now.

2024/14 Solar

- a. The monies have now been received from Enviromena for the initial project.

- b. A quote has been received for the community centre and a smaller system may suffice. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

2024/15 Correspondence

- a. A donation of £50.00 will be made to the Marie Curie daffodil appeal.
- b. A new Councillor for Biodiversity needs to be appointed and this can be done when the vacancies are filled.

2024/16 Rhigos Allotments

- a. The outstanding payment has now been made for 2023-2024
- b. Ian Lloyd from RCT flood management visited to undertake a flood risk assessment and met with Cllr M Smith and Cllr H Wagner. He will provide a report to the council and will also speak with his supervisor.
- c. The Clerk will write to Trevalis to ask if an inspection will be undertaken as some gardens and doors are in a dreadful state.
- d. The lock was left off the gate and a resident has driven a car into the back garden of their property via the allotments. The lock is now back on the gate.
- e. Charges were reviewed and next year the cost for an allotment will be £18.00.
- f. An allotment committee is needed so that they can apply for grants and this is being addressed.

2024/17 Accounts

Balances and payments for December

Income

Cemetery £1,600.00

Loyalty reward £0.93

Precept £5,666.66

RCT Grant £540.00

Outgoings

Admin £105.00 Vouchers The works

Community Centre £8.98 biscuits

Bank charges £14.20

Field rental transfer to a/c £100.00

Postages £24.95

Rates £280.00

Utilities Electricity £739.52

Wages £543.41

Tax £96.26

Trade waste £94.13

Telephone £152.22

Balances 29986.29 at 31 December

Bank £26,746.39

Croesffordd £15,446.95

Field account £6,096.47

2024/18 Member's Verbal Reports

- a. No grazing licence payment has been received and so a lock will be put on the gate. Cllr M Smith will do this and the Clerk will draft an advert and send it to Councillors before posting it online.
- b. The fencing has not been repaired and the Clerk will e-mail Martin Gallimore Future valleys Wales as it needs to be mended ASAP. Also to ask if he can meet with Cllr M Smith and Cllr O Morgan on site.
- c. No news has been received from the solicitor and the Clerk to check grid references on Land registry and contact solicitor again regarding the deeds.
- d. An electrician has not been to the community centre. Cllr P Oliver will contact one and arrange to meet them at the centre to undertake a PAT test and repair of cooker.
- e. The projector in the Community Centre is not working and the Council resolved to purchase a new projector for the community centre to assist with Cinema evenings etc.
- f. Youth Club has been extended for half term and the Council resolved for the children to have lunch included .Cost will be met by the Communities facilities support grant.
- g. Council resolved to host a St David's day concert by the children of Rhigos School at the Community Centre and to supply refreshments and veg packs cost again to be met by the facilities support grant.

2024/19 Any Other Business

Applications for Post of Councillor

Two applications have been received. The closing date is midnight and so this will be moved forward to the next Council meeting. In the meantime the Clerk will speak to Electoral services about the process.

Website

The process to find a website provider is ongoing with one quote received. This will be discussed at the next meeting and the Clerk will find out if Bilingual language is required.

Date of next meeting

Monday 11th March 2024 at 6:45pm at the Community Centre.

Signed

Date

Councillor Pat Oliver