

Rhigos report- 11.03.24

Police issues

Inconsiderate parking, Pen y Banc/Smiths Avenue- Following concerns with obstructions, the local PCSO will be patrolling the area and issuing FPNs if needed. Traffic wardens will be made aware too. A request has gone into 'Go Safe' to park a van here to catch any speeders. There have been reports of verbal abuse. Future issues should be reported to South Wales Police as it could possibly be a public order offence or that of anti-social behaviour. We have contacted the Council to look at placing yellow lines.

Future Valleys

From the Rhigos roundabout to the Croesbychan roundabout, we have reported that there are several potholes.

Streetcare

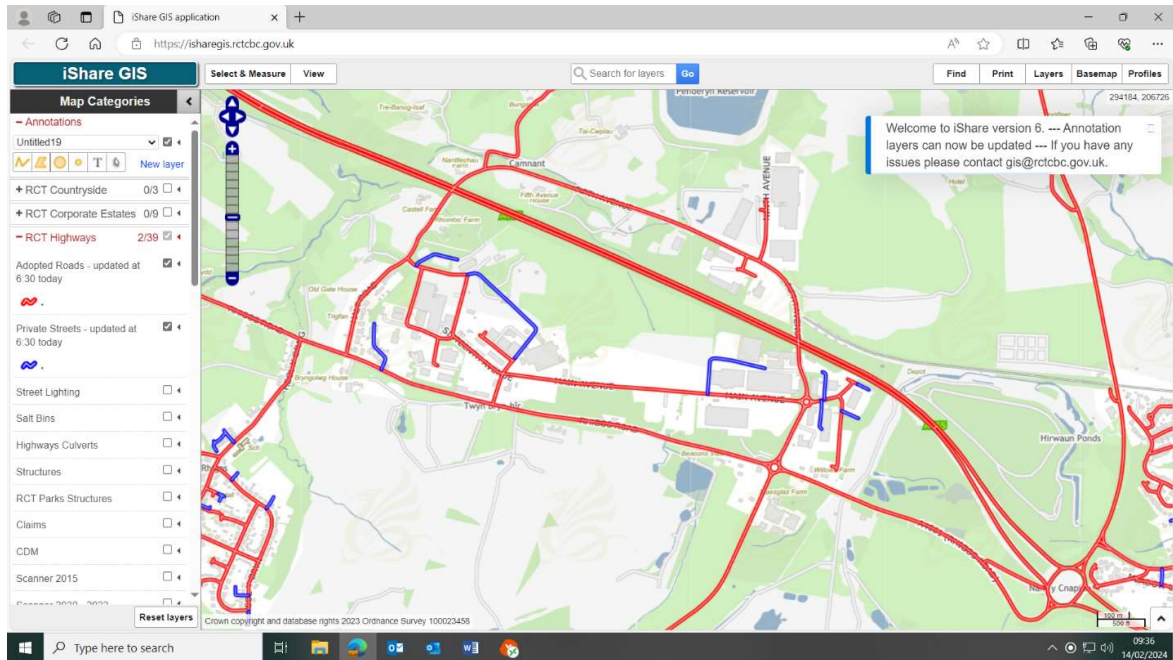
- Moss is becoming a big issue in the Rhigos estate, contacted the Council on the issue.
- Following hedge cutting, reported debris that was left on the pavements.
- Reported litter on the recreation ground.

Overgrowth and trees

- Requested overgrowth to be cut back on Parish Road again.
- There are still overhanging trees on footpaths and the highway. Near the New Inn and one near the Plough.
- Reported that hedges on the Vole road need to be cut right back, up as far as the waterworks gate.

Highways

- Reported a manhole cover which could be an issue to vehicles that may drive over it, on the road to Treherbert.
- Requested livestock signage.
- Requested the roads and pavements to be cleaned from Tower site up to the crossroads.
- The large road sign just after Tower was requested to be cleaned as well.
- Informed Council of a sign post on Mount Road rotting.
- Informed Council that cats eyes near the Plough have been stolen again.
- Reported that the road is sinking on the left as you approach Heol-y-Graig. That ditch also needs cleaning from Clydfan Bungalow.
- Reported potholes:
 - Between the rugby club and the Plough. – Outside shop
 - In front of Heol-y-de sign - Several on Cwm Hwnt/Mount Road
 - On Heol Esgyn, outside property.
- There are still concerns with the condition of the roads in the Hirwaun Industrial Estate. The Council have sent a map of which roads they maintain.



Speed changes on Cwm Hwnt/Rhigos Road

Requested an update on these plans. No response.

Flooding issues

Reported a pipe that is full of silt. The pipe runs along Rhigos Road, from Heol y Graig to a stile on the right (leaving Rhigos). The area is known to flood.

Hirwaun Power

It was requested for an extension of working days and hours on-site. We expressed that residents have contacted us in the past in regard to noise, the extension of work through the weekend is a concern. And working through the night is a further concern.

Fifth Avenue Guest House change of use planning application

The application was passed by the Planning Committee. We were not contacted by officers of the date of this planning meeting, so we were unable to contribute, even though we were interested in the progression of this application. The application was originally due to be determined under delegated power. Residents have asked if this application can be repealed. Planning officers have confirmed that it is not possible, only applicants can appeal in the case that their application is refused.

RCT Council

The Labour Cabinet's proposed budget strategy was approved last week. Council tax is being increased by 4.99%, along with fees/charges increasing. Plaid Cymru strongly opposed this proposal. After speaking with residents and reading social media posts, we felt that we couldn't ignore your views. Residents will be asked to contribute more in taxes whilst services are being cut and the Council's responses on important issues are slower.

Announcements

Thoughts and condolences go to Councillor Karen Morgan and all her family, following the passing of her beloved husband, Gareth "Gags" Morgan. A lovely service was held for him last week at the Crematorium, followed by Bryn-y-Gaer Cemetery.