

**Cyngor Cymuned
Rhigos
Community Council**

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Dear Sir/Madam

You are summoned to attend the ordinary meeting of the Rhigos Community Council to be held at the Rhigos Community Centre on Monday 13th February 2017 at 6.45 p.m. to transact the following business.

Dated this day 31st January 2017

1. Apologies
2. To confirm minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held on the 16th January 2017
3. Matters Arising
4. Planning Applications
5. County Borough Council Matters
6. Correspondence
7. Rhigos Playgrounds
8. Rhigos Signs
9. Accounts
10. Members Verbal Reports

Yours sincerely

Susan Harvey Powell
Clerk

To The Chairman and all members of Rhigos Community Council

Rhigos Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community Council held at Rhigos Community Centre on Monday 16th January 2017 at 6.45 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. M Pope, G Thomas, P Oliver, H Wagner,
S Maull, A Tobin, M Smith, O Morgan, Vikki Howells A.M.
Mr T Ward APC Printers

Apologies: Cllr. C Hopes, M Evans, L Leach

A minutes silence was held for Mrs Annette Morris who was a community councillor for many years.

2017/1

Minutes

It was resolved to confirm Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 16th January 2017

2017/2

Declaration of Interest

2017 6a Cllr. Wagner declared an interest as she is involved with Rhigos School PTA

2017/3

Matters Arising

- a. Unsafe memorial stones Rhigos cemetery – Commencing 31st January 2017
- b. Advertising Boards – all the boards have been removed, Mr T Ward from APC attended that meeting to ask if the council would consider supporting a planning application for a 24ft by 12ft board which would be controlled by him and companies would pay a rental. After discussion it was agreed that a board that size would be too distracting on the roundabout. Mrs Powell will email suggesting that the council would consider a smaller board.

2017/4**Planning**

It was resolved to note:

- a. Rhombic farm – erection of 1 dwelling
- b. Rhombic farm – erection of 4 dwellings

2017/5**County Borough Council Matters**

It was resolved that the following complaints be passed on to Councillor G Thomas for his attention.

Previous Complaints

The motorbike track – it is classed as a major development due to the size of the site which will mean a public consultation and discussions with community council. Necessary arrangements will be made.

The pavement outside 22 Heol y Bryn is broken up – photograph been sent to RCT

Rhigos Post Office was closed for 2 weeks – Cllr. Thomas has written but received no reply

There is a notice on the telephone box regarding its removal. – reply from BT – the payphone has been removed for maintenance reasons.

There are a lot of people suffering from cancer in Rhigos and a high volume of asthma we are still waiting for the Public Health report.

The old changing rooms on the football field are dangerous – the changing rooms have been inspected and will be made safe. They are now seeking advice on the viability of restoring the changing rooms funding permitting.

The dip near Treherbert roundabout has not been repaired - work ticket issued

Barrier across parish road – nothing to report.

The bridge near the shop – a section of carriageway has been isolated which has obviated the need to impose the weight limit.

The vans repairing the flats at the bottom of Heol y Graig are parking on the junction making visibility poor- reported but is still a problem.

Cars parking on the grass verge at the top of Cwrt Twyn Rhyd – no funding this year but could be revisited in future years.

There is litter around the village - reported.

The rubbish pickers on the main road are only picking off the pavements not the grass Verges - reported

Rubbish has been dumped on the Glynneath bank and the parish road – removed but more rubbish dumped there.

There are pot holes on the Glynneath bank and near Penywaun Farm.

The flagstones outside the shop are not even and are dangerous - work ticket issued

The footpath from the bottom of Heol y Graig to the post box by Bryn Golwg needs repairing.

New Complaints

- a. Surveillance on the Glynneath bank is needed due to the fly tipping
- b. Rubbish has been thrown on the grass verge outside 1 the Bryn
- c. The road from the Tower to Hirwaun roundabout needs cleaning
- d. The pavement from Heol y Graig to the New Inn needs cleaning.
- e. The road is breaking up near the rugby club.
- f. The fence is down on the left hand side of the old Ffyndaff site.
- g. There has been a 4x4 vehicle broken down on the Glynneath bank for a few weeks.
- h. There is a lot of litter on the road near the old cattle grid.

2017/6

Correspondence

It was resolved to receive the following correspondence.

- a. Letter received from Rhigos PTA asking for a donation to a school residential trip, Cllr. Wagner declared an interest as she is involved with the PTA – the issue was Deferred to the next meeting.

2017/7**Vikki Howells A.M.**

Ms Howells introduced herself and asked if there was anything she could help the community council with. She asked how many times she should attend the council meetings, twice per year was agreed and that her surgeries would be at convenient times for working people. Cllr. Thomas suggested a joint surgery. She gave a poster advertising her new office in Aberdare, she will also make house calls to residents who are housebound. She told the council that she sits on the Economy, Skills and Infrastructure and Rural Affairs and Environment committees.

Cllr. Pope said that he feels the Industrial Estate has become a dumping ground for recycling, he would like to know how much the government put into Enviroparks and how much the land was sold for.

Cllr. Thomas has asked through the Alliance for manufacturing to be brought back to Hirwaun Industrial estate to bring more jobs back to the valleys. Ms Howells will write to the Economy Minister asking what strategies are in place for bringing manufacturing back to places like the Industrial estate. She will also contact someone in the British Lung Foundation for the air quality info for the area.

Cllr. Smith asked would the Heads of the Valley road still go ahead after Brexit, yes as it is from a different pot of money.

2017/8**Rhigos Playgrounds**

- a. Heol y Bryn playground – see County Borough
- b. Old Adventure Playground – nothing to report

2017/9**Rhigos Signs**

Cllr. Morgan will arrange for the signs to be delivered, Cllr. Thomas will enquire if planning is needed.

2017/10 Accounts/Precept

Mrs Powell presented a cash flow forecast to determine the precept for 2017/18
After discussion it was agreed to increase the precept to £14000.00.

S H Powell (Travel Expenses)	£86.40
Wages	£543.40

Current Account	£5177.11
High Interest Account	£3806.04
Field Account	£3078.99
Croesffordd Account	£32371.39
Croesffordd High Interest	£2478.46
Croesffordd Treasury	£23,000.00
Selar	£60627.14
Solar Farm Fund	£52000.00

2017/11 Members' Verbal Reports

a. Cllr. Maull will be absent from the next few meeting as she is due to have a baby.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Rhigos Community Centre on Monday 13th February
2017 at 6.45 p.m.

SIGNED..... DATE.....

Chairman