
Cyngor Cymuned

Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 10 July 2023 at 6:45

Present: - Cllrs- P Oliver, D Burford, D Barton, M Smith, M.G. Evans,
H Wagner, O Morgan

Clerk - Alison Williams

Apologies: - County Cllr - A Rogers, County Cllr -K Morgan

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held 12 June 2023

It was resolved to confirm the minutes.

Declaration of interest

None

2023/49 Matters Arising

- a. No response from Mr Jenkins. Clerk to check the letter that was sent, and council will look to revoke the licence.
- b. Cllr Barton was elected as Local places for nature officer.
- c. It was agreed to fund training for the Clerk on website.
- d. Precept to be discussed in December meeting.
- e. Clerk to look at guidance for publishing meeting dates on the website/Facebook along with guidance for the electorate to ask questions.
- f. Clerk to contact Cllr Hopes re hygiene certificate.
- g. Clerk to check Viola monthly price.
- h. Clerk to order hooks for the First Aide boxes.

2023/50 Planning Applications

Holiday lodges at Pencaedrain phase 2

2023/51 County Borough Council matters

- a. A litter pick is required on Glynneath bank following the Dragon cycling race.
- b. The gate at Parish Road is still unlocked. Please can there be an update at the next meeting. There are more and more cars going there and possible drug taking which has been reported to the police.

- c. A dog bin is required at the entrance to Parish Road.
- d. The grass still needs to be cut under the seats and signs.
- e. Residents have requested a seat between The Plough and the rugby club.
- f. The fly tipping at the Celtic energy road has not been cleared.
- g. An update is needed on the opening of Parish Road from Neath County Council.
- h. There has been parking on the pavement where the mast was going to be placed. This was refused but if people are seen to be parking on this spot, there could be a new application. Please can PSSO be informed.
- i. Please can the PSSO attend the September meeting.
- j. An update is needed on the car parked in the bus stop.
- h. The street bins and dog waste bins are not being emptied regularly enough.
- i. The garden waste lorry is not big enough and grass is being left strewn on the road.
- j. There is a lot of dog mess around the village.
- k. Please can the Ash trees at the sides of the highways be checked.

2023/52 Rhigos Cemetery

- a. The lawn cemetery letter was agreed and will be sent to the relevant businesses by the Clerk.
- b. The Clerk will purchase a guide dog only sign for the cemetery.
- c. The Clerk to update the Notice of Internment notification to be discussed at the next meeting.
- d. The Clerk to obtain RCT burial costs for discussion at the meeting in September as well as a review of costs and other arrangements.
- e. The risk assessment for the headstones is out of date. The Clerk will obtain and estimate of cost from Vale memorials to update.
- f. The Clerk has sourced another map of the cremated remains site and the numbered map will be updated shortly with the Chair and Vice Chair.

2023/53 Correspondence

- a. Quotes have been received by Cllr Smith and he will chase up the third quote.
- b. Cllr D Burford was appointed as the new guardian for the defibrillator.

2023/54 Rhigos Allotments

- a. The skips have been taken away.
- b. The allotment fees paid to date were passed to the Clerk for banking.
- c. Clerk to write letter for Cllr Wagner to deliver re nonpayment of allotment fees.
- d. Fees to be reviewed in January 2024 following a site visit by Cllrs in the autumn when drainage is completed.

2023/55 Accounts

- a. Accounts returned from Audit Wales and amendments noted. Agreement to make one month's payment to previous Clerk for work undertaken in January and February.
- b. Opt-out form circulated in relation to Cllr payment for 2023-2024.
- c. Charity commission has agreed the funding for the railing to be deducted from the account. Clerk to update Trustees and transfer funds. Payment to be made from funds for Cherry trees, flowers and if necessary, a base for the Tram.
- d. Agreement made for purchase of laptop for Clerk.
- e. Agreement to increase of 3.88% to Clerks wages in line with RCT pay award.

April Update

Payments made.

Bank charges	£13.60
Wages	£360.00
HMRC	£60.00
RCT Rates.	£285.00
Violia	£ 94.30
Utilities/gas	£988.00 (Final payment prior to refund)
Admin	£7.83
Chair allowance	£100.00
Trade waste	£94.13
Cemetery	£495.00

Incoming

Banking loyalty reward	£0.84
Funeral Directors	£550.00
Cancelled cheque	£50.00

Balances on account at 30,04.2023

Main Account.	£22,261.75
Field Account	£5,897.48
Croesffordd Account.	£28,406.95

2023/56 Member's Verbal Reports

- a. Fencing is not stock proof at the roundabout and Clerk will contact Martin at Future Valleys Wales to repair.
- b. Clerk to remove the coronavirus information on the website.

Date of next meeting

11 September 2023 6:45pm at the Community Centre

Signed

Date

Councillor Pat Oliver