

Cyngor Cymuned
Rhigos

Community Council

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of Rhigos Community council

Held at Rhigos Community Centre

Monday 11th September 2023 at 6:45

Present: - Cllrs- P Oliver, M.G. Evans, O Morgan, M Smith, D Burford, H Wagner, C Hopes
County Cllr – A Rogers

Apologies: - Cllrs - D Barton
County Cllr - K Morgan
Clerk - Alison Williams

Enviromena

Mr Lee Adams, a representative of Enviromena attended the meeting to update the council on the proposed solar farm at the bottom of Rhigos mountain road. Enviromena have taken this project over from Regener8 and are looking to offer a community benefit.

Enviromena will not honour the offer that the Community council had agreed with Regener8 although this had not been formally agreed in writing. They are now offering to pay for battery storage for the community centre to supplement the solar panels agreed from the previous solar farm project. As the planning is not under section 106 they are under no obligation to offer anything and the maximum amount they would offer is between £10,000 and £15,000 in a lump sum but preferably as storage batteries to link with the project.

Mr Adams will prepare a projection of how much RCC could save with the batteries and it was agreed that this would be discussed in committee and then respond to Enviromena in due course. The solar panels quotes previously obtained are being reviewed to see which is the best option .

Ask a question by a member of the public

A member of the public attended the meeting . No formal request had been made and it was explained that this was required as part of the guidance for asking a question of the council. As he was unaware of this requirement it was agreed that he proceed and asked councillors about solar panels for Rhigos school, RFC, the sports hall and the community centre from the Bryngolwg project as he was unaware of the new solar farm. He wanted to be sure of the facts as he was in discussion with the planning department in RCT. He asked if he could be advised the next time the Mr Adams attended so that he could apply to attend and this was agreed.

Declaration of interest

None to note

Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held 10 July 2023

It was resolved to confirm the minutes.

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Council held 14 August 2023

It was resolved to confirm the minutes.

2023/61 Matters Arising

- a. No response has been received from the leaseholders of the two plots of land.
- b. A letter was sent recorded delivery in relation to the wall and fencing at the allotments. However, as the clerk is on annual leave, it is not known if a response has been received.

2023/62 Planning Applications

None received

Question asked about the holiday let at 20 Halt road.

2023/63 County Borough Council matters

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

- a. Signage and lighting requires attention on the A465
- b. Parish road fly tipping needs to be addressed as well as the antisocial behaviour where people are allegedly openly selling drugs. County Cllr Rogers has written to WG, Walters, NPTCBC and RCTCBC and was asked to get the MS involved to try to resolve this issue.
- c. Litter picking is required on Glynneath bank and around the village.
- d. The bus shelter at Heol y Graig is smelling of urine and the bin is overflowing.
- e. Heol Esgyn road at the bus stop requires attention. The gullies are too high and the road is holding water every time it rains.
- f. 30 Heol Esgyn has oil running from the drive onto the pavement and Trevalis needs to check this property.
- g. Drain at Mount road is still blocked and there is grass growing out of it.
- h. Litter bins need emptying more frequently.
- i. The path at HP Price Rhigos road has huge ruts across the entrance and is dangerous for anyone walking on the pavement.
- j. There is knotweed on Foel road just over the hump back bridge by Plasnewydd and Plough hill.
- k. Trees need cutting back by Plasnewydd and Plough hill.
- l. Pot holes at Pencaedraen road have reformed and have not been filled properly.
- m. Pot hole at junction of Mount road and Smiths Avenue.
- n. A carpet has been dumped by the fence at the entrance between the Plough and the rugby club.
- o. Lighting column constantly on all the time 51 just down from the rugby club and also by the Plough.
- p. Light outside Longmead Park is out.
- q. Can the land at the rear of Longmead Park be fenced off?

2023/64 Rhigos Cemetery

- a. The new forms were reviewed and agreed by councillors.
- b. A short discussion took place about exhumations and what is involved. Further discussion at October meeting.

2023/ 65 Correspondence

- a. E-mailed list read and no comments made.
- b. Letter received from caretaker to be discussed at October meeting.

2023/66 Rhigos Allotments

A photocopy of payments made was given and is to be handed to the Clerk.

2023/67 Account

Balances and payments for July

Income

Allotment rent £160.00
Burial fees £300.00
Loyalty reward £0.86

Outgoings

Community centre toilet £16.99
Administration printer £101.69
Bank charges £13.70
Insurance £1,071.82
Recorded delivery x 2 £5.70
Rates £230.00
Section 137 Kick boxing £50.00
Wages £346.73
Trade waste £ 138.67
Gas £ 61.56

Balances at 31 July 2023

Bank £10,544.31 + £ 12,900.00 (Transfer from Croesffordd)

Croesffordd £ 15,446.95

Field account £5,909.77

2023/68 Member's Verbal Reports

a. The Carnival Society held a table top sale on 10 September at the community centre and the electricity was off for some time. Agreement made not to charge. As a group they also need to write to the Council to request permission to use the hall.

b. Discussed absentee Councillors with no apology.

c. Discussed Agenda and electorate attending meetings and agreed to put notices in community centre window as well as on the website.

Date of next meeting

9th October 2023 at 6:45pm at the Community Centre

Signed

Date

Councillor Pat Oliver