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Annual Council Meeting

22 May 2023



Rhossili Community Council 2022/23

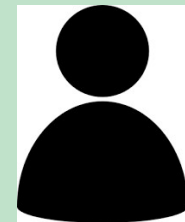
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A new RCC set-up for 2022/23



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Walmsley



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Financial Accounts 2022-23



2022-23 Income and Expenditure and Reserve Position

Opening balance 1st April 2022	£2,452.63
Receipts in year	£16,400.20
Payments in year	-£14,584.53
Closing Balance 31st March 2023	£4,268.30



Budget 2022-2023 - Income

	Budget Line Description	2022-23 Income
Income	Precept	£5,000
	Other Income	£177
	Grant Income - Rhossili Hwb	£10,224



Budget 2022-23 - Expenditure

	Budget Line Description	2022-23 Expenditure
Salary	Clerk's wages	£562
Costs	HMRC	£141
Running	Public liability and Employment insurance	£195
Costs	One Voice Wales	£53
	Auditors (awaiting invoice)	£0
	Meeting Room costs	£110
	Website hosting and Domain	£126
	Annual Newsletter	£402
	Running costs (Expenses etc)	£131
	Bank costs (Expenses etc)	£60
	Zoom annual licence	£173
	Build up of balance in case of election costs	£165
	Filing Cabinet replacement	£200
	Defibrillator contribution	£285
	Training	£158
Donations	St Mary's Church Donation	£300
	Pitton Chapel Donation	£300
Grants	Overall Grant costs Rhossili Hwb	£10,223



Asset description	Purchase Date	Purchase Cost	Current Value
Noticeboard (Rhossili)	12/10/2018	£937.00	£518.21
Noticeboard (Middleton)	23/03/2020	£576.00	£401.92
Laptop computer (Windows 10)	23/03/2020	£698.98	£276.49
Noticeboard (Pitton)	24/02/2021	£537.60	£502.60
Whiteboard Middleton	23/02/2022	£68.65	£33.65
360 camera for meeting	07/09/2022	£87.99	£52.99
Monitor	30/09/2022	£1,543.20	£1,508.20
Monitor stand	06/10/2022	£350.40	£315.40
Speaker unit	21/10/2022	£42.99	£7.99
Teaching equip - Apple iphone 7	21/12/2022	£150.00	£115.00
Teaching equip - Samsung S9	21/12/2022	£150.00	£115.00
Teaching equip - Apple ipad 6th Gen	21/12/2022	£250.00	£215.00
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Teaching equip - Samsung Tablet A7	21/12/2022	£250.00	£215.00
Teaching equip - Microsoft surface Pro	21/12/2022	£500.00	£465.00
Teaching equip - Dell Latitude Laptop	21/12/2022	£500.00	£465.00
Teaching equip - Printer	01/02/2023	£314.90	£279.90
Total asset value		£7,207.71	£5,702.35



Any questions?

RCC Housekeeping

Need for councils to become:
“professionally run and professionally supported”

- The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021
- The Welfare of Generations (Wales) Act 2015
- Environment (Wales) Act 2016
- The Finance & Governance Toolkit for Community and Town Councils.



RCC Housekeeping

Governance & Standing Orders

Information about Governance and Standing Orders can be viewed [here](#).

Statutory Report

The latest Biodiversity Report and Action Plan can be viewed in [this section](#).

Community Council Policies

A list of policies that the Community Council follows can be viewed [here](#).

Biodiversity Report & Action Plan published



Primroses

Under Section 6 of the Environment Act (2016), every Community or Town Council has a statutory duty to publish a report and 3-year action plan on how it seeks to maintain and enhance biodiversity in carrying out its duties, thereby promoting the resilience of ecosystems.

Rhossili Community Council has just published both documents and they can be viewed [here](#).

- Council governance, compliance, policies and standing orders revised
- Rhossili's Duty Report on section 6 (Wales's Environment Act 2016) published
- Rhossili's Biodiversity Plan 2023-25 published
- Councillors' Training Plan published
- Meetings and communications improving



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Planning achievements

- 20 applications studied
- 6 commented upon
- 1 unanimous objection
- 2 Councillors attended Planning Aid Wales training
- New dedicated RCC website Planning section
- Sought expertise within the village

Current Applications

May 2023 meeting:
No business

April 2023 meeting:
No business

March 2023 meeting:

- 2023/0485/FUL: Maesfawr, Rhosall, Swanea, SA3 9PL. Retention and alteration to front porch and single storey rear extension to include decorative masonry to parapet walls, privacy screen to the eastern side of the rear balcony and installation of one rear and three front roof lights.
• SCC decision: **Approve**
- 2023/0486/FUL: Dws, Development Type: Minor Dwellings, Location Rose Cottage, Rhosall, Swanea, SA3 9PL. Proposal: Replacement dwelling.
• SCC decision: **Approve**

Links to Swanea Council Planning

Swanea Council's Planning pages provide a range of information on issues related to planning, including planning application searches, planning enforcement, even Tree Preservation Orders and high hedges!

Click here to do a **simple search** on the Planning site. If you know the planning reference you can enter that, or use a postcode or single line of an address.

These pages on Planning applications take you through all the stages of the planning process, including how to apply.

Gower Design Guide

Read the Planning Guidance for the Gower AONB Design Guide from Swanea Council [here](#). It's 414 pages but worth dipping into!

Planning Aid Wales has a range of evidence submissions which are free to download. Another useful resource is the Welsh Government's [Planning](#), available for townsholders.

Submitting Comments

Anyone can submit a comment on a planning application. The Swanea Council also advises: You can comment on a planning application via the planning application search. Search for the application number and click on the 'comment on application' link.



Planning – to do's

- CCS Planning department attending RCC June 2023
- Biodiversity plan - new template for reviewing planning applications



Heath Spotted Orchids on Pitton Cross Common. Image: Ian Button

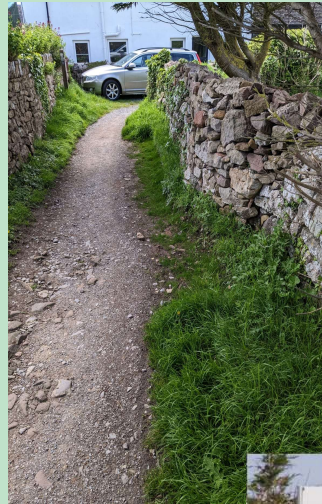
<https://rhossilicc.org.uk/community-information/planning/>



Campaigns



Images: Ian Button



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Campaigns



Spring Clean Cymru 2023
Rhossili Community
Beach Clean

Be a #LitterHero - One Bag BIG Difference



Sunday 2nd April @ 10.30am-12.30

Meet at the bottom of the Beach Path

Pickers, bags provided but please bring gloves if you can



Please join us to help keep our beautiful beach clean

A hot drink will be generously provided to all participants

The Lookout or The Bay

Thank you to the NT Rhossili for complimentary parking

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Contact: 07919401477



Community Engagement

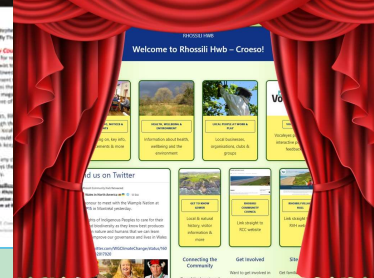
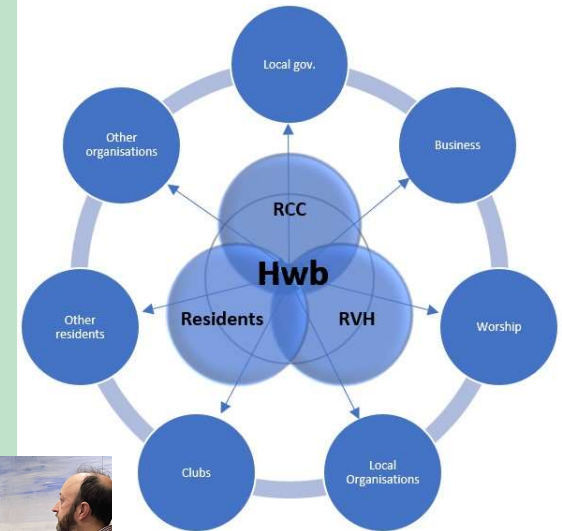
❖ Rhossili Community Hwb: Connecting the community via:

- ❖ Opening & expanding communication routes & networks
- ❖ Offering opportunities to learn and contribute via feedback & evaluation of ideas/activities
- ❖ Inviting direct input to Hwb content

❖ Vocaleyes

❖ RCC communication activities

- ❖ Online media
- ❖ Christmas Magazine
- ❖ Widening our network



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News



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Topic

What priorities should Rhossili CC focus on for 2023/24?

Are there any specific issues we should consider? Bear in mind support and enthusiasm from the community, we can strive to reach agreement on a change we'd like to see.

posted on 29 Nov 2022

Ideas (3)

action

Topic

What priorities should Rhossili CC focus on for 2023/24?

Idea

Raising awareness of RCC

Perhaps a first step would be to raise awareness of RCC within the community eg who is on it. Pen portraits. Then some detail about the sort of issues RCC deal with and a bit about its finances and the precept. Then maybe have some open surgeries where people could meet with Councillors and talk through issues which could lead to more engagement and some areas of focus.

Idea stage: Considering (Members can rate and comment on this idea.)

Replicate

posted on 24 Apr 2023

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I'd like to get involved!

Comments (1)

Avg Rating: 5.0

Score: 10

Engaged: 5

Topic

What priorities should Rhossili CC focus on for 2023/24?

Idea

RCC to work with the community to create a 'Vision for the Community'

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For the RCC to work with the community to create a 'Vision for the Community', which embraces the views of local residents and stakeholders and informs how we see our community, what we value, the ways in which we would like to see it change and what we think is important to conserve. The document would be used by the RCC to inform its comments to SCC regarding local planning applications.

Background to the idea ... Read more

Idea stage: Considering (Members can rate and comment on this idea.)

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Score: 8

Engaged: 4

Topic

What priorities should Rhossili CC focus on for 2023/24?

Idea

RCC to consider solutions to housing crisis

Crisis is not an exaggeration. There is a shortage of realistically priced houses for local people to live in.

Can we explore the scale of this problem, its implications and some solutions?

Idea stage: Considering (Members can rate and comment on this idea.)

Comments (2)

Teams (1)

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Comments (2)



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Member of One Voice Wales (OVW)
OVW Swansea Area Committee
Gower Community Council Forum
National Trust Gower
Gower Commoners Association
Board of Governors, Knelston Primary School
Hwb Advisory Network
Swansea Local Nature Partnership
4theRegion (South West)



Achievements

- RCC has survived big changes
- Improved governance and compliance
- New processes, policies, councillor training
- RCC interactive website and Hwb
- Campaigns being fought
- IT equipment for Rhossili
- We have ambitions for 2023/24!



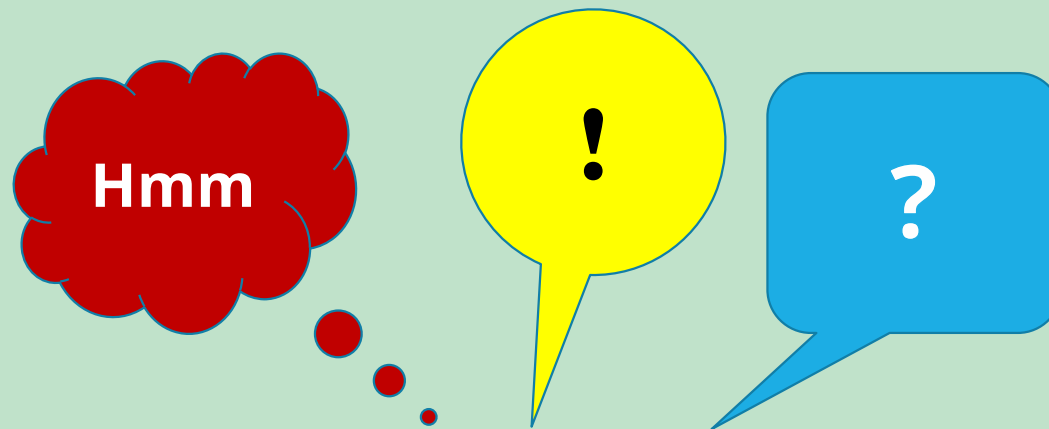
Looking forward 2023/24

- Representing the community
- Effective communications
- Promoting involvement and creating a community vision
- Promoting sustainable development
- Continue to contribute to environmental sustainability
- Continue to promote good governance



Celebrating our heritage and helping to create a sustainable future





Questions & Comments from you



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In **one word**, describe this year's Eurovision song contest (make it up if you didn't watch!).

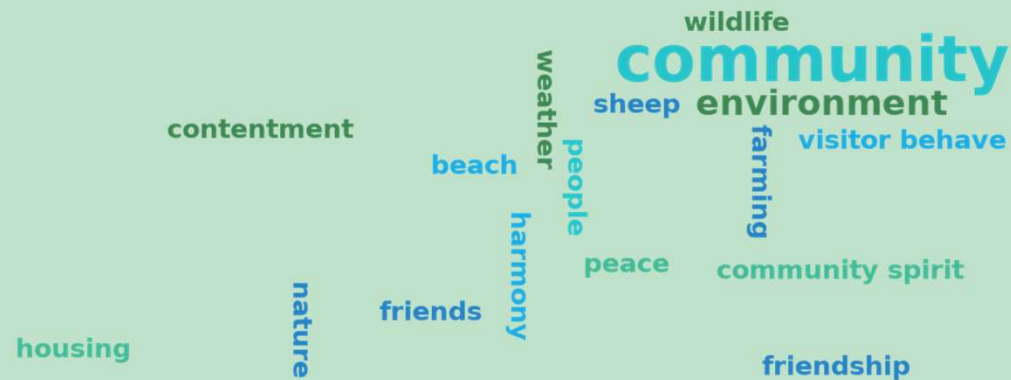


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 useless
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 inclusive
 grim
 rubbish

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One word: What matters most to you as a resident of Rhossili or as someone who works here?



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One word: What **don't** we have in Rhossili that you'd like?

peaceful
library
housing_policy
outsidemeetingspace
village green
grocery shop
youngfamilies
decent pub
cablecar
ambulances
a decent shop
wider roads
minibus!
footpaths
diversity
rollercoaster

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Looking back over the last 12 months of the RCC - what is the most important thing we should keep doing?

A word cloud visualization of responses to the survey question. The words are arranged in a cloud shape, with 'communicating' and 'planning' being the largest and most central words. Other prominent words include 'community engagement', 'networking', 'housing young people', 'communication', 'climate', 'engaging', 'working together', 'involve the community', 'environment', 'keep going', 'look after community', and 'painting signs'. The words are in various shades of green and blue.

keep going
look after community
networking
community engagement
housing young people
communication
climate
engaging
working together
involve the community
environment
painting signs
communicating
planning

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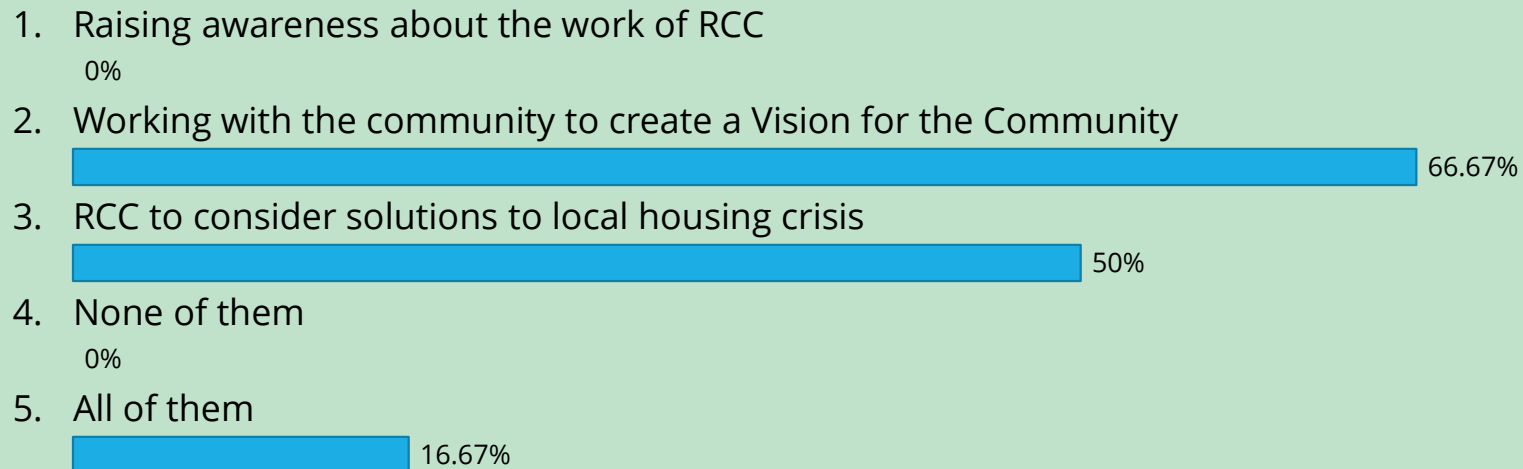
Looking forward, what should RCC **start** doing?

communityproject projects in village help from clerk
find new councillor weekly-surgery dropinsurgery
partnerships
vision

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Residents using Vocaleyes suggested 3 ideas for RCC to focus on this year. Which do you think is the most important? (Choose up to 2)

Vote for up to 2 choices



(% = Percentage of Voters)

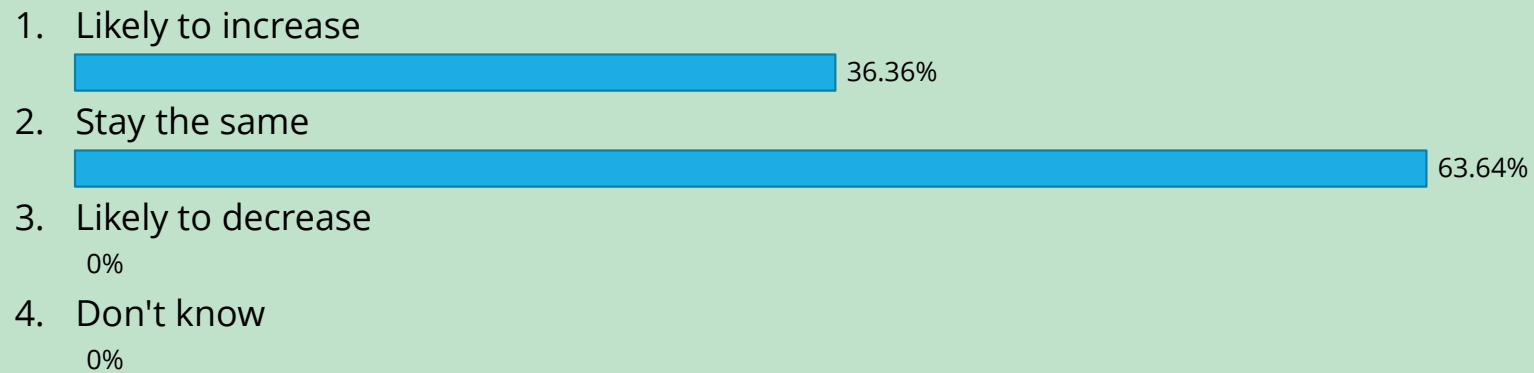
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One word: What do **you** think should be RCC's **top priority** this year?

clerk housing
communication planning
community local concerns
community-vision
buses
partnerships
community vision
engagement the community
environment

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As a result of tonight's meeting, how do you feel about your involvement with the work of RCC? Is it:



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One word: What would encourage you most to get more involved in the work of the Community Council?

shorter meetings

meetings on monday

more fun

big incentive

evidence of effects
bite sized chunks

gin

task and finish time

community bus

clerk

community

Thank you/Diolch!

Our next Council meeting:

7.15pm June 12th 2023

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