



RHOSSILI COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council:

**Chair – Ian Button (IB),
Vice-Chair – Gill Boulding (GB),**

Council Members: Tom Higgs (TH), Maggie Kirk (MK), Lesley-Anne Nolan (LAN), Sue Muddeman (SM)

Clerk:

Lauren Walters

Responsible Finance Officer:

Steve Walmsley

Minutes

Rhossili Village Hall and via Zoom

Meeting commenced 7:15pm Tuesday 14th May 2024

1. **Attendance:** IB, MK, SM, SW & LW
2. **Apologies:** GB & LAN
3. **Declaration of Interests:** None
4. **Minutes of last Meeting:** 09/04/2024 Agreed that these were an accurate reflection of the meeting, but that the actions had been omitted on this occasion. The importance of noting details about actions agreed at each meeting within the minutes was noted, along with maintaining the Action List as a rolling record. MK proposed and TH seconded.
5. **5 minutes for the public who are attending meeting to voice any concerns-** none raised
6. **Action List** Was discussed and updated accordingly.

7. Finance

7.1 Receive reports from Finance Officer.

The RFO reported the monthly spend. Total expenditure for May was **£2189.19** & total income was **£2616.66** – closing balance for May was **£5399.46**.

The Chair of the meeting signed to indicate the reports had been examined and the expenditure as detailed approved.

7.2 Insurance payment

Insurance renewal date is 1st June 2024 – Councillors have to confirm that they comply with the circulated insurance statement to confirm they are eligible for insurance coverage – to date MK, LAN & GB have confirmed they are eligible.

- 7.2.1 Vote to pay insurance (£307.39) – 4 votes were received and the motion was passed.

7.3 Bank Account

RCC is still having issues with current bank account and these issues were discussed during the meeting.

ACTION: LW to investigate other banks for business banking (potentially Lloyds).

8. Communications Update

8.1 Hwb/RCC Websites & social media

No update on website currently – MK has spoken with Jamie King Media regarding a service level agreement, and advice on the Hwb gallery and capture codes.

9. Forward Planning

9.1 ACM

The upcoming ACM meeting was discussed, and the Annual Report and slide show were commented on by all members of the council.

9.2 D-Day Update

Beacons have been ordered for the event and IB will be ordering flags for outside of the village hall.

9.3 Biodiversity report

MK has reviewed RCC's progress against the objectives in the Biodiversity report and set out our intentions for 2024/25 to help us meet those objectives.

IB proposed and SM seconded.

10. Attendance and feedback from outreach meetings

10.1 Gower Community council Forum 10/04/2024

Gower Community Council Forum on 10/04/2024 attended by IB feedback sent to RCC councillors.

10.1.1 IB stated that other councils in Gower are having issues with speeding.

10.1.2 There is currently only one police officer for all of the Gower area.

10.1.3 IB also noted that community councils also have no say on live events taking place in the community.

10.2 OneVoice Wales Council on 15/04/2024 meeting attended by GB

Feedback sent in advance to RCC councillors.

10.3 Swansea Local Nature Partnership 10/04/2024 attended by MK

RCC contributed to the LNP's response to the Welsh Gov consultation on its Environment White Paper.

11. Planning Applications

11.1 [Bunkerhill Pitton Cross Rhossili Swansea SA3 1PH](#)

Fenestration alterations and single-storey rear extension

Tue 23 Apr 2024

No comments from RCC.

12. Footpaths and Rights of Way

12.1 None to note.

13. Roads and Pavements – review, comments and action

13.1 LAN has sent a report regarding the sink hole issues in School Lane to the RCC councillors after speaking with SCC.

14. National Trust

14.1 NT Shop and car park

The seasonal team are back, it is fully staffed, with nearly everyone living locally. The shop is now open daily (10am – 4pm) till the end of the October half term, with some later trading hours in the summer holidays.

14.2 Facilities

From Monday 6th May, the National Trust took over the cleaning and ongoing upkeep of the newly renovated toilet block.

The bin outside the Worms Head Hotel has been moved back to outside the toilets. Swansea Council are still responsible for rubbish collections. They will not be providing any recycling bins (as they have found they are not used properly when provided), so the National Trust will be encouraging visitors to take their rubbish and recycling home with them.

14.3 Dark Skies

Dark Sky Wales have approached the National Trust to hold an event in the village (in the car park) to raise awareness to raise awareness of Dark Sky.

The new lights on the toilet block are compliant with dark sky guidelines, and the NT exterior lights are being updated to comply also.

14.4 Wild Horse Event

22nd – 27th May is the Wild Horse 200 event. This is a 5-day endurance race from Chepstow to Rhossili with approximately 60 competitors. People will be crossing the finish line close to the NT shop from approximately 24th - 26th May.

14.5 Notice to Visitors

The National Trust will be posting notices asking the public to keep their dogs on the lead in the flower meadows due to ground nesting birds.

Signage has been erected requesting visitors to keep their distance from livestock.

The Big Help Out There will be a beach clean on the afternoon of Wednesday 29th May at Rhossili

15. Chairs Items

15.1 None to discuss.

16. Questions and comments from members of the public – none noted.

17. Date of next RCC meeting

17.1 Proposed date 11/06/2024

Meeting ended at 8:30

These minutes were approved as a correct record by Rhossili Community Council on 24 July 2024