



Minutes of Rhossili Community Council

Rhossili Village Hall and via Zoom

7:15pm Tuesday, 10th December 2024

Present:

Chair: Ian Button (IB)

Members: Gill Boulding (GB) – Vice Chair, Helen Beynon (HB), Maggie Kirk (MK), Lesley-Anne Nolan (LAN)

Clerk: Charlotte Nolan (Acting)

RFO: Francis Morgan (FM)

Apologies: Sue Muddeman (SM)

Public Attendees: 4 residents in person

Chair's remarks

The Chair wishes to thank Francesca O'Brien for the organisation of bacon sandwiches at the Lookout to villagers impacted by the power outages as a result of the recent storm.

1. Apologies for absence

Sue Muddeman (SM)

2. Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

3. Public Questions

One resident in attendance stated they had sent a letter to the Chair and Clerk and asked for a response before the following meeting.

The Chair agreed they would review the letter and respond before the next meeting on January 14th January 2025.

One resident left the meeting after item 3.

4. Minutes

4.1. Given the recent power outage, and lack of internet for some members of the RCC, it was **resolved** to give more time to the members to review the minutes of 21st November 2024.

5. Priorities

All **updates** were **received** and **noted**

5.1. Renovation of Middleton Bus Shelter – LAN

The RCC is partnering with local artist Helen Sinclair on the bus shelter mural. Once Helen has availability she will send through ideas for what the mural will depict. There will be no cost to the RCC for the mural Cllr Richard Lewis has agreed to pay for the painting of the electrical boxes.

5.2. Benches on Rhossili Cliffs - GB

The National Trust have advised they would assist with costs if the RCC would like to place a bus on the Vile.

The RCC confirmed they supported the idea of placing a bench by the Middleton bus stop (actual bus stop, not the shelter). This would be used by individuals waiting for the bus, rather than them using the bus shelter at the corner of School Lane. The concern being that the bus has often missed passengers as it can not see them waiting in the shelter when the bus drives round the corner.

5.2.1. **Action** – IB to get three quotes for solid wood benches from local suppliers to understand potential costs (from November meeting).

5.3. Middleton Bus Shelter

There were concerns from attending residents that the bus stop needs more than a bench, but required a shelter too. The Chair confirmed Swansea Council had stated they do not have the funding construct a bus stop at the site of the bus stop, and the bus company would not fund the construction either as not enough passengers use that bus stop to justify the funding.

The resident stated that the discussion of placing a bus shelter at that site was started more than 10 years ago with Swansea Council and expressed their frustration the conversation had not been ongoing.

The RCC were reminded that there had been efforts to keep the bus route active, as there had been the threat of an increasingly reduced service, and in fact there was limited to no service on Sundays and bank holidays.

The RCC confirmed their support for a new bus shelter and would keep advocating for Swansea Council and the bus company to provide one to the village

5.3.1. It was **agreed** to keep the item of the bus shelter on the agenda going forward and to continue advocating for a new shelter.

5.3.2. **Action** – to write to the bus company, Swansea Council and Richard Lewis raising the issue of the bus shelter and asking for their assistance.

5.4. Litter Picking Station – LAN

All the equipment has been ordered and we are waiting an installation date.

6. Administration

6.1. **Received update** regarding the Councillor vacancy. The Clerk has received correspondence from Swansea Council that the advert needs to be tweaked and reposted.

6.1.1. **Action** – Clerk to tweak advert and repost to the RCC website.

6.2. The RCC discussed the distribution of the Rhossili Annual Magazine, which had just been returned from the printers. The members of the RCC would hand deliver the magazine to all residences in the village. There are not enough for additional copies.

6.2.1. **Action** – For IB to divide the magazines into separate bags of magazines, along with a map of which councillors had responsibility for different houses in the village.

6.3. The RCC discussed the process of consolidating the Annual Magazine. It was felt that more project management was required, with clearer defined responsibilities so it doesn't fall on one person.

The cost of the magazine was discussed, and there is not too much difference in price for a black and white magazine compared to a coloured magazine, and the benefit of having coloured photos j

6.3.1. **Resolved**, should the magazine go ahead for 2025, the publication requires a project manager and more investigation into sponsorship and paid advertisements should take place to keep costs down.

6.3.2. **Action** – to complete a project plan for the magazine with clearly defined responsibilities earlier in the year.

7. Finance

7.1. **Agreed** to pay the following payments:

7.1.1. Rhossili Hwb & RCC website support 01/01/2025 to 01/04/2025 - £150

7.1.2. One Voice Wales membership - £54

7.1.3. Print Partnership Reprographics LTD for printing of the Annual Magazine - £567

7.2. The finance report for December 2024 was **received and noted**.

7.3. **Agreed** for the RFO to transfer £1500 of the RCC's funds from the HSBC bank account to the new Lloyds bank account.

8. Environment & Land Management

8.1. The **update** from Richard Lewis regarding the flooding in Llandewi was **received and noted**:

- Francesca and I (Cllr Lewis) have managed to get the team to dig and clear the ditches from Scurlage and just beyond Llandewi Garage. This comes under the remit of the council and a huge amount of clearing has been done by the flood plain which has made a real difference.
- We are now lobbying NRW to do the same for the river and ditches which come under their remit towards Burry Green.
- Also, low level bollards will be placed near the ditches to warn drivers who decide to drive through the flood of the edge of the road, too.

8.1.1. **Action** - to chase Tonia Antoniazzi MP for more an update on the flooding issue. Once this has been received considering a newsletter out to the village giving them a comprehensive update.

9. Planning

9.1. [2024/2231/FUL](#) – Gower Cottage, Rhossili

Demolition and re-construction of detached garage, construction of wildlife pond in front garden and provision of planting and seating on the south facing side of the cottage

9.1.1. The RCC after some discussion **resolved** not to submit a response to this planning application, as this is very similar to a previous application, but with a different material being used.

10. Communications

A discussion was had regarding when the RCC should use whatsapp and the MailChimp email newsletter. This discussion is to continue in meetings going forward.

11. Correspondence

11.1. The RCC noted the response composed by Cllr Maggie Kirk to the Border Commission final report asking why the Commission has not responded to the specific feedback provided by the residents of Rhossili and the RCC.

11.1.1.**Action** – the Clerk to forward the RCC response to the three neighbouring community councils.

11.2. The RCC has received a letter from a resident with concerns regarding the horses on Rhossili Cliffs, including a potentially dangerous situation to the public.

11.2.1.**Action** – to respond to the resident advising them to address their concerns with the National Trust (as the land owner) and the Commoner (as the owner of the horses) directly. The RCC whilst sympathetic to the residents concerns does not have the power to intervene in this matter.

12. Public Comments

None

The meeting ended at 9:36pm.

These minutes were approved at the RCC meeting on 14th January 2025.