

ONE WAY SYSTEM AND PARKING ISSUES

Having been discussed at the September meeting, consultation is needed with RCTCBC and the police. There is one issue with the direction of traffic in Augustus Street as this is the bus route. The new system would mean the bus going up High Street and down Augustus Street or vice versa. The Council decided to contact RCT Highways with a view to going public and include the plans within this Newsletter.

Plans for parking restrictions throughout Ynysybwl have been drawn up by RCT since the second week of January 2018; however, your Community Council has not been consulted. It was decided to chase up any feedback that may have been received by RCTCBC and to include the plans for:

- Date 19/01 RCT ref T2018/19/1 – Cribyn Ddu, Grove Terrace, Glyn Street, Crawshay Street, High Street
- Date 18/1. RCT ref 2018/24/1 – New Road
- Date 11/1 RCT ref 2017/98/1 – Windsor Place Other Street & Clydach Road
- Date 18/1 RCT ref 2018/23/1 – Buarth y Capel/ Rock Terrace

Please see response questionnaire attached.

COMMUNITY WARDEN

The Chair and the Clerk met with the Highways and Streetcar department of RCTCBC in June with regards to employing a Community Warden. There are 14 Enforcement Officers and two Dog Wardens currently in place in several areas throughout the Borough who are employed by RCT. To utilise these employees, YCC have bought into these services from RCT to guarantee an Enforcement Officer visits the village on a weekly basis. A Service Level Agreement has been agreed.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Council were pleased with the turnout this year. If you qualify, don't forget to book for next year!

DEFIBRILLATORS

A representative from Welsh Hearts was present to speak to members regarding the defibrillators that have been purchased by YCC for the community and also the work of the charity in general. The aim of Welsh Hearts is to site defibrillators in communities across RCT. Mayor Steve Powderhill is fully supportive

of these aims. YCC contacted South Wales Police, prior to purchasing cabinets, regarding crime figures for locked versus unlocked. Only 3 incidents have been reported since 2007, therefore it had been agreed to purchase unlocked cabinets due to the time saved in an emergency and in line with recommendations from the Resuscitation Council. Most people understand the importance of the defibs and hopefully will not deface or steal them. Welsh Hearts offer a 10 year warranty which covers damage and repairs, other suppliers offer only 5 and a few 7 years. The defibs will be serviced annually and replacement batteries and pads provided free of charge. Welsh Hearts will undertake free training with the community and primary school children and it was thought that this would be a good approach.

Defibrillators are now situated at:

- No. 1 Dan y Crybin
- The former British Legion, Windsor Place
- Bus Terminal, Old Ynysybwl
- Chris Jeffrey's Garage, rear of Crawshay Street
- Ynysybwl Rugby Club, Heol y Pwyf

Plus more planned for Coed-y-Cwm – strategic sites near the entrance to the Estate being sought.

RCT want to charge £1000 to change a lamppost to make it suitable, so we are currently looking for other suitable venues and the Council will subsidise electricity to any local resident prepared to assist with this life-saving facility.



PLANTERS

The wooden tubs that were on the Cenotaph have been removed by RCT following intervention from Councillor Sue Pickering. Your Council has replaced with more fitting facilities, to show respect and also to stop people parking there. A quote has been received from Amber with regards to six plastic planters that will have the name of the Community Council on one side. The planters are guaranteed to last for 10 years. The Clerk has contacted Boverton Nurseries regarding filling them with plants to take us through from autumn to spring and a quote of £816 was received.

FESTIVAL FEEDBACK

A representative of Ynysybwł Enterprise Project was present and thanked the Community Council for their financial support yet again, without which the Festival would not be able to continue. Despite the appalling weather, this was the most successful of the annual Festival, due to the amount of people who turned up to support the event. Unfortunately, RCT reduced their financial contribution to £500. Therefore the Community Council, whilst acknowledging the marketing by RCT and associated assistance given to the event, decided to request a larger contribution from other means of funding in order to continue with the only celebration event of mining in Wales.

COED-Y-CWM: ISSUES FROM RESIDENTS

Several issues were brought to the attention of the Council including overgrown trees, crumbling walls and lack of bus shelters. All complainants were visited by a councillor and some of the issues were referred to Councillor Sue Pickering as an RCT issue. Following your Community Council representations to RCT, the hardstanding and dropped kerbs were fitted prior to Christmas. Council thanked Councillor Tony Holloway for his efforts in resolving the issues.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION

There is a recommendation to increase from one borough councillor to two, due to the increasing population of the Ward. Your Council decided the Clerk would contact the Boundary Commission offering our support of two members at the next election.

FIREWORKS

Despite extreme weather conditions, once again this service on the 3rd November was a tremendous success, with over 500 people showing up – fully funded by your local Community Council. Expression of interest to tender for 2019 should be available shortly. Given the issues caused through extreme weather conditions, the organising team have recommended the event moves to the Recreation Ground where the Stand will provide cover in the event of inclement weather. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this happen.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Three lights have been replaced for December 2018 at a cost of £250 each. We believe this has been a good investment.

INSPECTION OF SITES

The Chair contacted Trivallis regarding complaints from Buarth-y-Capel residents and feedback from the previous newsletter drop at Dan y Cribyn. Several issues have been highlighted:

- Cars in Dan-y-Cribyn
- Crumbling walls in Dan-y-Cribyn
- Dumped cars in Buarth-y-Capel
- Fly tipping

Trivallis have responded to your Council's inquiry, pointing out this is an RCT matter. Your Community Council has given this information to Cllr. Sue Pickering, your local RCT member. We shall continue to monitor the progress.

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 18/0877/10

WIND TURBINES AT LWYNCELYN FARM

Your Community Council has concerns with access plans; the Council have been assured that we will be formally consulted at the appropriate time. It was **decided** the Clerk contact RCT/CBC for further details on this project and to monitor the situation regarding this application.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will take place at
Ynysybwł Community Centre
on Tuesday, 5th February, 2019, 6.45 p.m.
All welcome.

NOTICES OF MOTION DISCUSSED AND AGREED AT COUNCIL MEETING 4TH DECEMBER, 2018

ALL MOTIONS ARE COPIED TO THE LOCAL RCT MEMBER

Dog Fouling – Fines & Prosecutions in Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm – Noted, only 1 recorded fine and no prosecutions in the past 6 years. This has now been referred to the Information Commission for Wales by a council member.

Ynysybwl Library Closure – Noted, RCTCBC refuse to provide details of any correspondence in respect of the closure. However, we discover there is a possibility we will also be losing our weekly mobile service. Clerk to send request to RCT for information.

Notices of Motion regarding Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm – Noted, there had been no notices of motions placed by RCT members from Ynysybwl & Coed-y-Cwm and Glyncoch over the past 6 years.

Pontypridd Lido – Noted, after receiving confirmation of the net loss of just under £400,000 for the lido in the last financial year it was agreed to write to RCTCBC requesting the facility should be fully funded by Welsh government. This is due to the lido being described as a National Lido fully subsidised by RCTCBC, whilst the funding for Butchers Pool has been withdrawn. However following the fantastic efforts of the community and full funding from your Community Council this important facility has been retained. The friends of the pool are planning to extend the opening hours next year and your community council shall give its full support.

Safe Routes in Communities Scheme – Noted, confirmation of the application for funding had been made to RCTCBC requesting they include New Road to Thompson Street/Thompson Villas and extend the Lady Windsor Trail to Old Ynysybwl. The Clerk has contacted RCT Highways to provide further information for community consultation.

Notice of motion 5 for December meeting, Standing order 6 (1) 8 (2)

Council is concerned with the lack of facilities at Ynysybwl cemetery. Council is also aware a future cemetery site has been purchased by RCT. Location the rear of Dan y Cribyn. Council is also aware a member has requested information under the Freedom of Information act concerning this issue and expenditure comparisons throughout RCT. In view of the importance of this issue within the community, council resolves to write to RCT formally requesting an update on:

- A. An update on the proposal to use land abutting Dan y Cribyn, for the purpose of a new cemetery.
- B. The cost of the land purchased of A above.
- C. Any reports dealing with the surface water currently experienced at the site A above.
- D. The anticipated date the current cemetery facility at Heol y Pwyf / Church Street will reach its planned capacity.
- E. The revenue & expenditure at Ynysybwl cemetery D above over the last financial year 2017/2018.

Notice of motion 6 for December meeting, Standing order 6 (1) 8 (2)

Council is aware following a FOI request, RCT confirmed under their reference Case Id 101004615127, there has been no traffic measurements undertaken over the past six years despite the proposals for Lady Windsor site being submitted by RCT. Council noting the continued speculation for development at the said Lady Windsor site, resolves to instruct the Clerk to write to the appropriate departments within RCT council, requesting a traffic management survey be undertaken covering New Road & Robert Street at earliest opportunity.

Notice of motion 7 for December meeting, Standing order 6 (1) 8 (2)

Council is aware following an FOI request from a council member, RCT confirmed under their reference Case Id 101004615110. Unfortunately, to date there has been no response whatsoever.

Council therefore resolves for the clerk to write to the appropriate RCT departments requesting an update on the Lady Windsor site proposals, if any.

CASUAL VACANCY – YOUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAS NOT RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR A COUNCIL ELECTION FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER, A PUBLIC NOTICE DATED 17/12/18 has been issued requesting residents who may be interested contact the community council clerk. This is also available on the council website www.ynysybwlcommunitycouncil.com. Please note if interested you need to contact our clerk no later than the 16th January, 2019.

Notice of motion 8 for December meeting. Standing order 6 (1) 8 (2)

Council is aware following FOI requests regarding Leisure issues in Ynysybwl from a council member, under RCT references- A. Id 101004620128 a request for information relating to correspondence received in connection with Ynysybwl recreation ground over the past six years.

B. Id 101004615128 a request for all non confidential correspondence between Ynysybwl RFC and RCT council.

C. Id 101004615106 a request for Leisure related expenditure recorded within the community council area over the past six years. Noting no information has been forthcoming in respect of A,B & C above.

Council also made notes a site meeting took place at the recreation ground with officers of RCT Leisure on 26 th June, 2018. The Local RCT member Cllr. Sue Pickering, Councillors A.Ellis, C.F. Jones & Tony Burnell also present. Council notes whilst the storage of paper and boxes under the grandstand were removed, there has been no comprehensive response to the issues raised and whilst community sporting organisations continue to complain, there has been no information provided.

Council therefore resolves to instruct the clerk to write to RCT Leisure requesting further & better details relating to proposed and past expenditure at the recreation ground over the past five years, non confidential correspondence from sports clubs using the recreation ground over the past five years, also non confidential correspondence from our local member and Ynysybwl community council over the same period.

Also to be highlighted, for the financial year 2018/19 the gross council tax raised from this community, 2.8 million. Also a substantial amount from non domestic rates gross 350K including the community of Glyncoch over the same period.

Notice of motion 9 for December meeting. Standing order 6 (1) 8 (2)

Council notes following FOI requests regarding Leisure funding in Ynysybwl from a council member, requesting information on funding and attendance at the only other annual festival held in the Cynon Valley area.

RCT council refused to give the attendance numbers for their sponsored one day Aberdare Park festival over Whitsun weekend over the past three years, however, they have confirmed their total net financial subsidy under reference Id 101004615107 for these events = £ 56644.99 over three years compared to £2000 + estimated cost of printing £500 for the Ynysybwl Gwyl Festival £2500 in total over the same three year period.

Council therefore resolves to instruct our clerk to write to the appropriate RCT department requesting they consider increasing funding given to our local festival based on the fact the Gwyl Festival has –

1. Become an extremely well attended event this year, even with inclement weather conditions.
2. Become the only festival to celebrate and remember the Welsh mining history.
3. Has the potential to become a sub regional event if proper funding and support is provided.
4. Established links and a common cause with the Durham miners gala committee.
5. Increased the village profile and attracted visitors from outside the community.

We therefore urge consultation from RCT to allow the Gwyl event to enrich wellbeing within the former South Wales coalfield area, our community council would welcome RCT becoming full partners in a joint approach to help regeneration within the area.

Notice of motion 12 for December meeting. Standing order 6 (1) 8 (2)

Council accepts there are huge challenges of continuing to provide good, well funded, public services. Council further accepts, there are likely to be areas of public funding where the impact of austerity will result in extreme individual circumstances. Therefore council needs to provide help and assistance to residents where possible. Council therefore accepts the clerk will need to highlight individual issues received in total confidence where such contact from constituents is made.

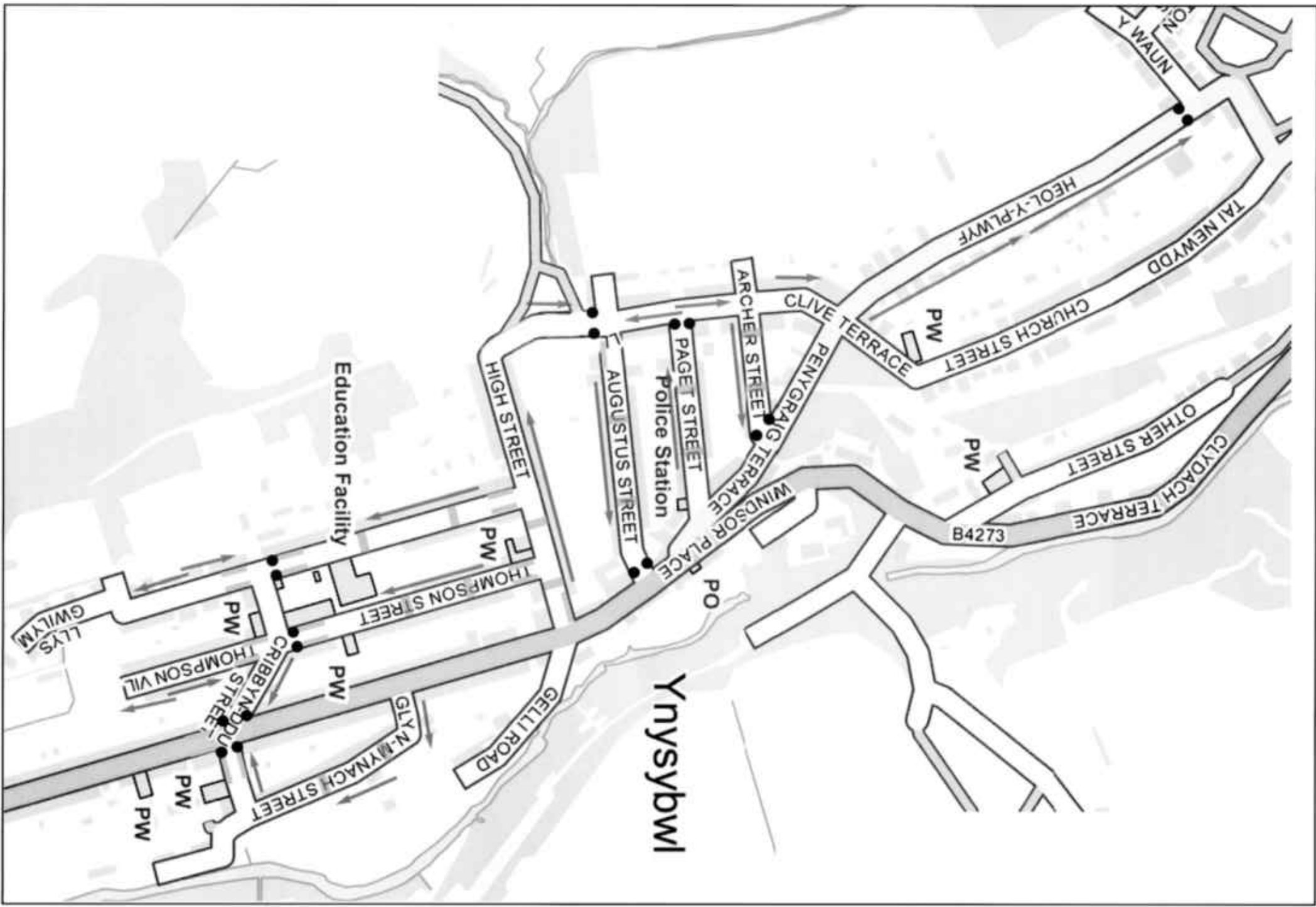
Notice of motion 10 for December meeting. Standing order 6 (1) 8 (2)

Council acknowledges there are many trees whose branches are overhanging on Ynysybwl Road & Clydach Road which appear potentially dangerous. Council therefore resolves to instruct our clerk to correspond with RCT highways requesting a full survey be carried out urgently.

Notice of motion 11 for December meeting. Standing order 6 (1) 8 (2)

Our Council appreciates the need for public toilets to be available in the centre of the village of Ynysybwl. Council resolves to request our clerk to correspond with RCT to discover the following -

1. Who currently operates the current facility and the profile format, which needs to be transparent?
2. What arrangements are in place to ensure continued availability?



QUESTIONNAIRE

**Traffic Management – If you have any views on these 5 sets of proposals, please complete.
Proposal Reference or Community Council draft proposals.**

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*Date 18/1 RCT ref 2018/23/1 – Buarth y Capel/Rock Terrace

*Community Council traffic management proposal

(*delete as necessary)

Do you have any concerns or suggestions for your Community Councillors?

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Contact number _____

Please e-mail ymysybwlcc@gmail.com

or forward to The Clerk, Ymysybwl & Coed y Cwm Community Council
63 High Street, Ymysybwl, Pontypridd CF37 3EE

OPENING HOURS:

Monday 5.30pm to 7.30pm • Tuesday 9.00am to 12.30pm and 5.30pm to 7.30pm • Wednesday 7.30am to 5.00pm