

ROGERSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCILS MEETING HELD AT TYDU COMMUNITY HALL 2ND SEPTEMBER 2026

Members present:-

Chairperson:- Councillor C Larcombe
Councillors:- S. Bowen, S. Jones, J. Gibbons, P. Smith, S. Meek., L. Gray. Y Forsey K. Gray,
A. Hobbs.
Apologies for absence:- B Davies, R. Lloyd, G. Foley, J. Reynolds, D. Mlewa.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Repair Café (Councillors Y. Forsey & K. Gray) declared an interest in item 9.1.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 8th July 2026 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Playground

The Deputy Chairman, Councillor S. Bowen advised that the application to the National Lottery has been submitted to the first stage, it is hoped that this will progress to the second stage; this should be known mid-September.

3.2 Training

Members briefly discussed member training and the decisions made at the last meeting.

3.3 Jubilee Park Revetment Cost Update

Press & public excluded.

4. POLICE MATTERS

The Police were invited to the meeting however, officers were unable to attend.

Members were advised that around 3 weeks ago there was a restructure within the neighbourhood pillar of Gwent police and Sergeant Jason Ghalamkary will be moving to Torfaen. The new Sergeant for Newport West is Connie Brown, who will be starting in the post today.

Sergeant Ghalamkary asked that his thanks be passed on to all members of the Community Council for their work and passion to help the better the community, which has been great to see and be a part of over the 3 years he has been in post in Rogerstone.

Members asked that the Clerk pass on their thanks and appreciation to Sergeant Ghalamkary, and wish him well in his new post.

It was agreed to invite Sergeant Brown to the next meeting.

5. CLERKS REPORT

Members acknowledged the Clerks Report and the correspondence received prior to the meeting.

Events

Repair Café

The next event is at Tydu Community Hall 10-1pm 26th September 2026 . These events are going really well and there are plans to have workshops and talks at future events.

Scarecrow Trail

The Rogerstone CC Events Team would love as many people as possible across Rogerstone to join in the fun of a Community Scarecrow Trail this autumn.

There will be 3 categories

Residential - Homes are invited to display a Scarecrow at the front of their property for public viewing. There will be a small charge of £2 if you would like to register your property into the public viewing list.

School - The local schools are invited to hold a Trail within the school, we will be contacting the schools in September with more information.

Commercial - It would be amazing if the local businesses would get involved too, displaying a Scarecrow in a window or outside of their property.

A list/map of all entries(addresses only) will be available for the cost of £1 for anyone who wishes to view and then vote for their favourite Scarecrow.

There will of course be prizes and awards.

Entries will open mid September and judging will take place during the October half term.

Don't forget to keep following our page for mores updates and information.

If anyone would like to know more at this stage please contact-

rogerstoneccevents@gmail.com

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enter-the-scarecrow-trail-competition-tickets-1998378138808>

The Rogerstone Scarecrow Trail will take place across Rogerstone during the October Half Term. We would like to encourage residents, schools and business in Rogerstone to take part and show off your creative skills.

To enter the competition, please register by Tuesday 20th October, £2 per entry.

The Scarecrow Trail list of entries will be available from Saturday 24th October. To get the list and to take part in the voting a £1 charge will apply (see terms and conditions).

Residents will be able to enjoy the Rogerstone Scarecrow Trail during the October Half Term. Judging will take place from Monday 26th October until Sunday 1st November. We are looking for judges and Sponsors for this event. If you or your business is interested, please email rogerstoneccevents@gmail.com. This event is being organised by the *Rogerstone Community Council Events Team*. By entering this competition you are agreeing to your address (not your name) being added to a list of Scarecrows entered.

Remembrance Sunday

Members discussed:-

- Road closures and issues at Wern Terrace.
- Risk assessments and costs to close roads.
- The advert in the Rogerstone Directory detailing the days schedule:-
 - 10.10am: Assemble at Rogerstone Library (Tregwilym Road) or meet at St John's Church (see 10.45am below).
 - 10.25am: Observe Remembrance at the Village War Memorial (inside the library; limited space available). A representative of the Community Council and representatives of the Royal British Legion will place wreaths. Representatives of Uniformed Organisations are invited to attend (within the Library Building).
 - Following this, those present will make their own way safely to St. John's Church.
 - 10.45am: Arrive at the War Memorial in St John's churchyard; the Vicar will begin with a prayer, this will be followed by wreath laying, the roll call and the Last Post.
 - 11.00am: Observe two-minute silence, followed by the Reveille and release of white doves
 - 11.05am: Service of Remembrance inside St John's Church.
 - 11.45am: Those present at the service are invited to make their way to the Loading Bay Café, Faith Church, Wern Industrial Estate, Rogerstone, NP10 9FQ where complimentary refreshments are available from 12pm
- A band not being available for a parade, due to other events in Newport etc.
- Last years successful event, that went ahead without a parade.
- Discussing road closures, risk assessments bands and parades for a future Remembrance Sunday event.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Lliswerry Runners – November

Members approved the Lliswerry Runners event , which will follow the usual route and will be on one of the following dates

15/22/29th November, between 9am – 12.30pm

7. ACCOUNTS

Members approved the following –

RCC

OCD	
Cleaning, hall and outside toilets July	£ 829.92
 NATHAN EVANS LTD	
Payroll	£ 114.00
Xero	£ 35.52
 ZOOM	
Monthly fee	£ 16.79
Monthly fee	£ 16.79
 VODAFONE	
Broadband	£ 33.50
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 NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL	
Bins	£ 258.23
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 STEVE DAVIES	
Amazon Lights for van	£ 125.38
S. W. locksmiths	£ 18.00
Van windscreen excess	£ 115.00
 SCREWFIX	
Grounds tools and sundries	£ 30.99
 FUEL GENIE	
Fuel	£ 363.21
Fuel	£ 248.03
 OCTOPUS	
Gas & electric (hall, café, hut, garage, toilets)	£ 601.50
 TED HOPKINS	
Stihl Chains	£ 174.83

AUTO SPARES	
Cable ties	£ 6.25
Wiper	£ 5.58
DAVID FOWLER ENGINEERING	
Cricket roller repairs	£ 360.00
J. CONEYWORTH	
Various Repair Café expenses	£ 20.39
M. MAJOR	
Pat testing course Repair Café	£ 37.20
VISION ICT	
Website hosting	£ 242.00
EUROSEC	
Biannual inspection and clean cctv cameras	£ 198.00
Glade café & Ty Du House alarm maintenance	£ 240.00
Call out and repair fault DVR	£ 306.00
HIGHCROSS UPVC	
Repairs to doors/windows Ty Du House & Tydu Hall	£ 720.00
T. CARTER	
2 X antibacterial gel	£ 3.40
REGEN AMENITY	
Gallup 360	£ 264.00
ROYAL MAIL	
Postage to bank	£ .91
INFORMATION COMMISSIONER	
Annual fee	£ 47.00
PURIDEAL/SALDO	
Unblock pipes in grounds	£1140.00
BITDEFENDER	
2 years antivirus	£ 94.99
GORDONS PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS	
Playground inspections, Welfare Grounds/Jubilee Park	£ 420.00

SW DIRECTORY	
Remembrance Sunday advert	£125.00
A1 SKIPS	
Skip	£ 351.00
CAMBRIAN GROUP	
Stiga mower repair/service	£2216.96
NISBETS	
Clear bags, hand soap, blue rolls – garage and grounds.	£ 341.20
ROGERSTONE BAND	
Section 137 26/27	£ 500.00
<u>JP</u>	
NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL	
Bins	£ 258.23
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NATHAN EVANS	
Account fees	£ 240.00
MARTYNS GARDENING SERVICES	
Grass cutting JP July	£3500.00
Strimming and ditch clearing	£ 330.00
LEWIS LEWIS	
Consultancy fees revetment works	£3562.50
GRIFFITHS	
Revetment works	£18000.00
CLEAR INSURANCE	
JP insurance	£2195.55

8. PLANNING

Members discussed planning applications received by the Planning Committee.

9. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS

9.1 Section 137 Applications (1st Round)

Councillors Y. Forsey & K. Gray had declared an interest earlier in the meeting and took no part in discussions regarding the Repair Café application.

- Applications are invited from Rogerstone non profit making organisations/groups and are not accepted outside of Rogerstone or from individuals/businesses/schools etc.
- All applications must have the groups accounts attached, applications.
- Applications are considered half yearly, the closing dates are:-
26/27 - 1st September 2026 & 1st March 2027
- Total Budget for 26/27 - £3,000
- Total spent so far - £500 (Rogerstone Band – legal fees)

Repair Café Application - £1,000

Following consideration members agreed that the hall hire, once a month (11 months of the year) 9.30 – 1.30, should be free of charge to the Repair Café, as the Events Team are a sub-committee and arrange events on behalf of the Community Council. Therefore there is no need to submit an application and the invoice for hall hire will be voided.

Shelter Application - £500

Following consideration this application was not approved, as the criteria was not met. Members acknowledged the work that is undertaken by this group, however, this is a national organisation with a considerable amount of funds as shown in the accounts they provided.

9.2 Events Team - Christmas

Councillor Y Forsey discussed the proposals for a Christmas event at the Welfare Grounds:-

- Lights switch on, 21.11.26, 4-6pm.
- Living permanent Christmas tree with coloured lights.
- The usual tree, hedges etc. lit up.
- Mulled wine, mince pies
- Festive characters.
- Singing.

Members were pleased with the proposals and approved this event and also the purchase of a large living Christmas tree as well as associated electrical works to run the lights. The location of the tree to be agreed with the Head Groundsman. The budget was difficult to set due to unknown costs, however, £1000 was thought to be reasonable.

9.3 Allotments Self-Management Group

Members discussed the progress of the Allotment Committee Self-Management Group; the Community Council has been working with the committee to transfer some of the management functions in respect of day to day running of the allotments.

The initial responsibilities transferring over from 1st November 2026 will be:-

- Allotment plot allocations
- Compliance with tenancy agreement
- Terminations
- Recommendations for annual maintenance spend
- Capital projects & identifying funding sources

The administration (rent collection, tenancy agreements, terminations & initial contact for new plots will still be undertaken by Community Council staff on behalf of the committee who are looking forward to working with existing and new allotment tenants.

The members of the committee are:-

Beccy Jones (Chairperson)

Kelvin Mulligan (Deputy Chairperson & Compliancy Officer)

Cath Mohring (Secretary & Treasurer)

Adrian Sheehan (Tenancy Officer)

Dawn Cockings (Assistant Tenancy Officer)

David Draper

Don Mlewa

Issac Mogiji

Sarah Simmonds / Irene Nichols (shared seat on committee)

Members approved the draft letter to go out to tenants, with the introduction from Becky Jones, Chairperson.

9.4 Oak Road Housing Development Community Benefits

Members were advised that a representative from the Oak Road Housing Development Community Benefits Team is unable to attend the meeting.

As part of the development, there is a pot of funding called the community benefits, which is utilised towards supporting the local Rogerstone community. This may include local schools, charities and sports for example. There is an online form to gather residents views, on which local priorities should be supported by community benefits funding and the targeted training and recruitment initiatives.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=z8gLAiqOkkecc21SO6Pl1pTWF0FjgBBOmjGx8GI6VQBUQzBXWTRVMkYwUDNRNTY5NzRKUk8wQkILNy4u>

Members discussed the possible projects that the funding pot could be used for at length, however, it was agreed that the funds available, budgets for the projects and timescales to apply, need to be ascertained before submitting suggestions from the Community Council. It was agreed that when more information is found, this will be forwarded to all members, it was also agreed to ask a representative to attend the next meeting of council to discuss this further.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

• Replacement of Water Heating System at Tydu Community Hall

The Clerk advised that the water heating system at Tydu Community Hall needs to be replaced quickly, as hot water is needed for the changing room showers etc., with the imminent start of the football season. (The current system is over 25 years old). Indicative

costs are between £9,000-£15,000, depending on what type of system. Electricity alone is unlikely to regenerate quickly enough for showers, therefore a dual gas/electric would seem the most beneficial option. Proposals for a high efficiency, low energy system with a low environmental impact will be requested.

As this cannot wait until the next meeting of Council, members agreed that the Clerk has delegated authority to accept the most suitable tender so that the system can be back up and running as quickly as possible.

- **RAFC Banners**

Members agreed to RAFC placing banners on the barriers for this season (as last year).

- **Members Email**

An email from a member in respect of a Community Council gating project was briefly discussed.

- **Rogerstone West – Weeding**

Councillor Y. Forsey advised that Newport City Council will be weeding areas in Rogerstone West on Friday morning and asked if members had any areas they would like to nominate. Tregwilym Road from the library to the grounds entrance and near Tesco's on Cefn/Risca Road have already been requested. (Other wards have the same service on different days).

- **Uplands Court – Tree/Wall**

Members discussed an email regarding the above; this issue was discussed some time ago with Uplands Court. The Clerk agreed to go and look at the area and report back to the next meeting.

- **E Bikes**

Members discussed issues with e bikes being used dangerously in the Welfare Grounds and other areas of Rogerstone. It was agreed that this is a police matter and if residents can find out where the owners live, this can be reported to the police who can take action.

11. NEXT MEETING

Council Meeting 7th October 2026 at 7pm.