

# RHANDIRMYWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date 26 June 2004  
 Venue Royal Oak, Rhandirmwyn  
 Author Ian Hayes

Ref	Subject	Actions	Owner
#1	<p><i>Welcome.</i></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Phil &amp; Linda, Hilary Barr, Suzie, Sam, Sam &amp; Rebecca.</p> <p>Nerys, chairing the meeting, welcomed everybody to the Royal Oak. As a few new faces were attending, Nerys asked everybody to introduce themselves.</p>	n/a	-
#2	<p><i>Minutes of previous meeting 16 Feb 2024</i></p> <p>Nerys explained that there was a date error in the minutes.            The minutes approval was proposed by Chris, seconded by Tina.</p>	n/a	
#3	<p><i>Matters arising from Meetings &amp; general updates</i></p> <p><i>3.1). Appointing a new association secretary.</i>            The chair asked for a volunteer to take over the RDCA secretary role. Ian Hayes is standing in as a note-taker until somebody is appointed. No offers were received from the audience.</p>	n/a	
	<p><i>3.2). Nantymwyn House - pods planning status</i>            No update is available on the proposal to install new Glamping Pods. Several people commented that issues around sewerage waste removal were known to be a blocking issue with the application.</p>	n/a	
	<p><i>3.3). Pop up pub evening – big success!</i>            Many local people attended the event, which has undoubtedly helped Royal Oak's new management raise public awareness that the venue is open again for business.</p>	n/a	
	<p><i>3.4). Nominated charities</i>            A reminder to the audience that this year, all funds raised will be donated to the Welsh Air Ambulance</p>	n/a	

	<p><i>3.5). Defibrillator funds</i> The cost of replacing the pads and battery was replenished by a donation of £430 from H2O Power.</p>	n/a	
	<p><i>3.6). Strimming the village triangle</i> Cellan had previously strimmed the village green triangle and has kindly volunteered to repeat this.</p>	Strim village triangle	Cellan
	<p><i>3.7). Repair bench</i> The current bench will be repaired with a replacement seat plank. Later in the year, it will be replaced with a more robust seat.</p>	Repair current seat	Neil
	<p><i>3.8). Coffee mornings</i> The coffee mornings continue to be well attended and enjoyed by all. A July 2024 session has already been arranged, and we are now looking for somebody to host the August 2024 event.</p> <p>Jane indicated she could no longer act as the coffee morning coordinator and would like somebody else to assume this role by September 2024.</p>	Find a new coffee morning coordinator.	RDCA committee
#4	<p><i>Dates for your diaries</i></p> <p><i>4.1). Summer bash: Sat 13 July 2024</i> After a discussion, the meeting agreed that attendees would be asked to bring a plate of food, enough to be shared with others. The event will start at around 4 p.m.</p>		
	<p><i>4.2). Summer show – RDCA tea tent: 24 August 2024</i> Kristin Hayes has kindly volunteered to lead the team manning the RDCA tea tent. Closer to the event, people in the village will be asked to bake and deliver cakes. A suggestion was made about selling whole cakes to the public, but the consensus was that this would undermine sales of cake portions on the day.</p> <p>Jane asked for volunteers to bake two tray bakes for the sheep-dog trials being staged the day before the summer show. Any leftovers will be made available at the tea tent.</p>		
	<p><i>4.3). Quiz night: 5 Sept 2024</i> A general quiz night is to be staged, with teams to be formed when the event starts</p>		
	<p><i>4.4). Roaming supper: 14 Sept 2024</i></p>		

	The event stage last summer was quite small, but all who attended enjoyed it. A request for hosts and attendees will be sent out closer to the time.		
	<i>4.5). Fundraising evening: 25 October 2024</i> To be held at the Royal Oak, based around an “Auction of Promises”. Two ‘promises’ already received		
	<i>4.6). RDCA AGM: 28 November 2024</i>		
	<i>4.7). Pool ladder/league</i> Now that the Royal Oak has a pool table, a suggestion was made about starting a pool ladder/league.	Float idea for starting pool league	Chris
	<i>4.8). Xmas dinner at Royal Oak</i> A suggestion was made to revive the idea of a village Christmas dinner event at the Royal Oak.	Enquire with Royal Oak pub about hosting an Xmas dinner	RDCA committee
#5	<i>Bike Park update</i> The RDCA has written several times to the park developers, offering to stage a meeting where they could present their proposals to the village. The developer has declined to attend such an event and has stated that they wish to continue with the consultation process that is part of the existing planning framework	Forward details of the park proposal to Tim	Ian Hayes
#6	<i>Cadw Cambria/Bryncadwgan wind turbine update</i> Ian Hayes provided the meeting with an update on the efforts to block the development of the Bryncadwgan wind turbine development. Cadw Cambria is part of a broader alliance of similar protest groups that cover the Cambrian mountains This alliance seeks to promote offshore wind farms as a more effective and less intrusive alternative. The political situation is less positive, with the Welsh Government heavily inveigled with wind turbine developers and the likely new Labour Government having an aggressive ‘anti-nimby’ agenda. The one positive change is a decision by the new Welsh Climate Minister to appoint a new advisory group that is due to report by the end of 2024 on whether pylon or buried cable options should be considered across Wales. This Cambrian wind turbine controversy was part of a short BBC TV news piece broadcast on 17 June 2024. As for Bryncadwgan, the developer is unlikely to file their formal proposal until the tail end of 2024. This makes Q1 2025 a critical time for people to help build a credible representation to block the development.	Consider the suggestion to have a “Cadw Cambria’ stall at the Summer show	Ian Hayes
#7	AOB		

	<p><i>7.1). Himalayan balsam</i>  The chair reminded the audience that this nuisance is now clearly in bloom around the village and that locals are entitled to remove the weed from public areas.</p>	n/a	
	<p><i>7.2). Forestry road entrance planning update</i>  Howard briefed the meeting on the state of the planning proposal to build a new forestry access road between the village and the College site entrance. No resolution is imminent.</p>	n/a	