

Chair and Vice Chair Announcements July 2026

One topic that has created strong feelings in our community, and has dominated our work over the past few weeks is the closure of Morrisons store on Station Road and consequently our Post Office. Our thoughts are with the staff who are impacted by this decision and we wish them well going forward.

A huge thank you to Allan Cook, Helen Lloyd Jones and Lauren Fear for their tireless work over the past few weeks concerning the closure of the Post Office. There has been some excellent publicity and community engagement in relation to this topic, as it has become a very emotive issue for our community. They have showed a tenacious spirit and a refusal to give up easily. The work on the Post Office is not over yet, and we will all be persistent in ensuring there is a favourable outcome

The month of July has been busy with meetings outside of the regular RMCC schedule. The Chair has attended the following:

- 1st July – One Voice Wales Conference Builth Wells – agenda attached
- 8th July – Standards and Ethics Committee
- 9th July – Transport for Wales working group
- 20th July – Area Committee of Bridgend, Cardiff and the Vale at Cowbridge Town Hall – agenda attached

The OVW conference was very informative and the slides and presentations are included in the full council papers for July. The section on applying for lottery grants was very useful. There are numerous different types of grants available depending on the amount and the reason. As this may be useful for our future need, some leaflets were collected on what is available and the criteria necessary. These are now with the Clerks for reference along with presentation slides as part of these papers

It is a shame the Minister for Local Government and Planning was unable to attend at the last minute and a copy of their presentation was not available to share

The Awards and the categories were also interesting . The Awards are an opportunity to showcase Community and Town Councils, the services they provide for their local communities and the commitment and work of Members and Clerks. A summary of the categories is included with this meetings papers, and more details of the criteria behind these categories can be found on the OVW website. Reading these categories I am sure that the RMCC can promote itself and be nominated for the awards next year. We do so much good work and engagement with our community that we should share proudly. Over the next few months this is something to consider before the next nominations are open in March 2027

If anyone would like more details of the conference agenda, please let me know

We have been approached by Transport for Wales for RMCC to join a project looking at track access points across the Core Valley Lines (up to Treherbert, Merthyr and Aberdare) and how TFW respond to smaller-scale incidents (e.g. a stranded train or a

train accident). As part of this, they are building a list of local contacts and have already spoken to a number of local businesses and community contacts, and there's been some positive interest. We had the incident in October last year at Fisher Hill Way, and because of this we have been asked to join. TFW will be forwarding to us the Train Access pack for Radyr and Morganstown and these will be shared with members when received. I will keep you informed of further developments.

The agenda for the Area Committee of Bridgend, Cardiff and The Vale is attached. This also includes the AGM and was held in Cowbridge Town Hall. The papers for FC will be issued before the date of this meeting, so the details of the discussions will follow

The Vice Chair has been involved in the following and will provide updates separately

(i) Liaise on the Post Office closure.

(ii) Liaise on the Paddle Court at the Golf Club.

(iii) Attend the Radyr woods Wardens AGM.

We will now be taking a break during August so I hope everyone has a nice summer and hopefully the recent spell of warm weather will continue. I look forward to our meetings starting again in September

Julia Charles, Chair

Allan Cook, Vice Chair

Radyr and Morganstown Community Council