



Annual Report

2024-2025

Hello and Welcome to all our residents.

Welcome to Rogiet Community Council's Annual Report.

This annual report sets out to inform the residents of Rogiet the activities undertaken by the Community Council during the period April 2024 to March 2025.

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The report contains a brief outline of the structure of the Council, an overview of the Council's activities and a financial summary.

The report also includes details of all the Community Councillors and how to contact the Council. There are 7 members at Rogiet Community Council.

Councillors are office holders who sign a declaration of acceptance of office upon their election or appointment - they are therefore a part of the local government structure of Wales. Although they carry out many community activities on a voluntary basis, they are not volunteers.

At the head of the Council is the Chair who is elected annually from amongst its serving Councillors. The Chair for 2024-25 was Councillor Philip Ellwood and the Vice Chair was Cllr Beverley Cawley.

We meet formally on the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month at 7:00pm at Rogiet Pavilion. There is also a hybrid provision for members and public to join remotely. These are very structured meetings with very full agendas.

Anyone is welcome to observe and there is an opportunity at the start for public questions, but it is a working meeting rather than a public presentation.

There are no meetings in August due to recess.

Depending on what projects are being dealt with and to be more proactive, members may meet in between monthly meetings as 'Working Groups' to deal with specific areas/projects - to then bring back to full council.

Vision Statement

To maintain Rogiet, through stewardship, as a sustainable and ecologically friendly community, preserving it and its history for future generations'

Your Community Councillors for the Year 2024-25 were:

Cllr Philip Ellwood (Chair)

Cllr Beverly Cawley (Vice Chair)

Cllr Robin Castree (from September 2024)

Cllr Paul Cromwell

Cllr Janet Fowler (resigned July 2024)

Cllr Janet Trow

Cllr Anna Wilson

Cllr Marjorie Winskill

To view details of your local Councillors and Clerk please visit our website:

www.rogietcommunitycouncil.co.uk

Council Staff

The Council employ three members of staff who carry out a range of functions on behalf of the Council, and implement decisions taken by the elected and Co-opted Members.

The Staff at the time of Publication of this report are as follows:

Clerk and Proper Officer / Responsible Finance Officer – Alice Vaughan

Our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Alice Vaughan has recently achieved her Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) qualification.

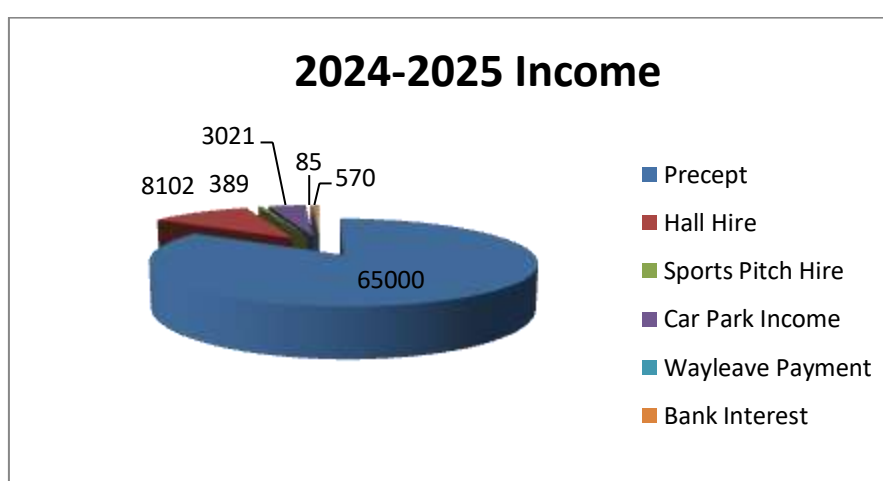
Cleaner – Lauren Hunt

Litter picker – Sonia Beeston-Leaper

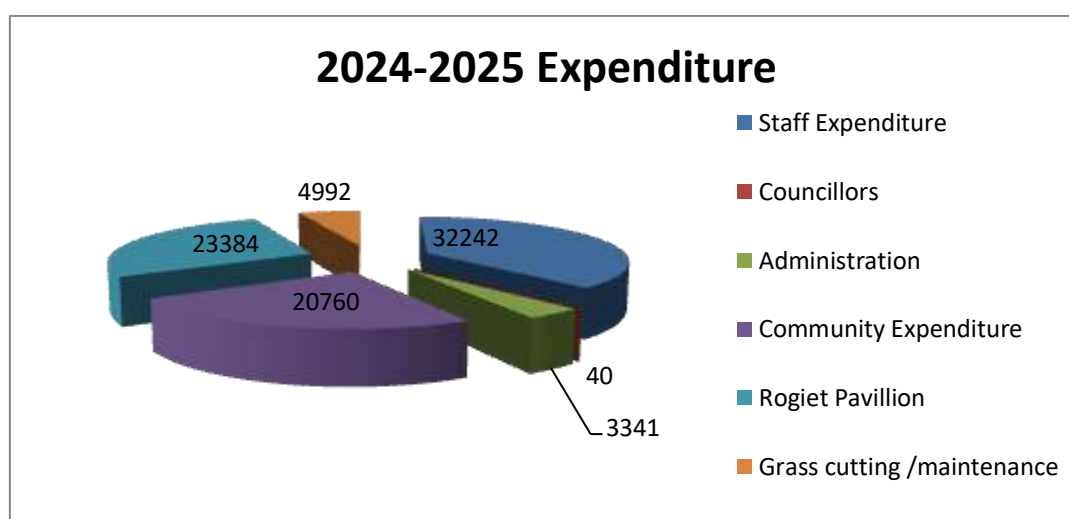
Budget/Precept

The main source of funding for a community council is the funds raised through what is referred to as a precept (a charge) to Council Tax under section 141 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Rogiet Community Council must calculate its budget requirement for a financial year in accordance with Section 50 of the Act and issues a precept to the billing authority. In 2024-2025 Rogiet Community Council precept was £65,000. A Band D property for Council Tax paid £77.53 for the year towards the Community Council. The remaining income generated by the Community Council comes from Hire Charges for the Pavilion and Sports Field, Rogiet Playing Field Car park charges (under a net profit share arrangement with Monmouthshire County Council), Wayleave payments, bank interest etc.



Overall budget expenditure includes the day-to-day running of the Community Council covering such items as staff salary and statutory payments, audit, insurance, stationery. It also includes amounts earmarked for specific purposes, such as to mitigate specific risks or to build up funds for projects or known or anticipated future expenditure.



The Future for Rogiet Community Council in 2025-26

For the Financial Year 2024-25 the Council has set a Budget Expenditure of £102,518.00 and a Precept of £71,500. The difference being made up of General Reserves and other income.

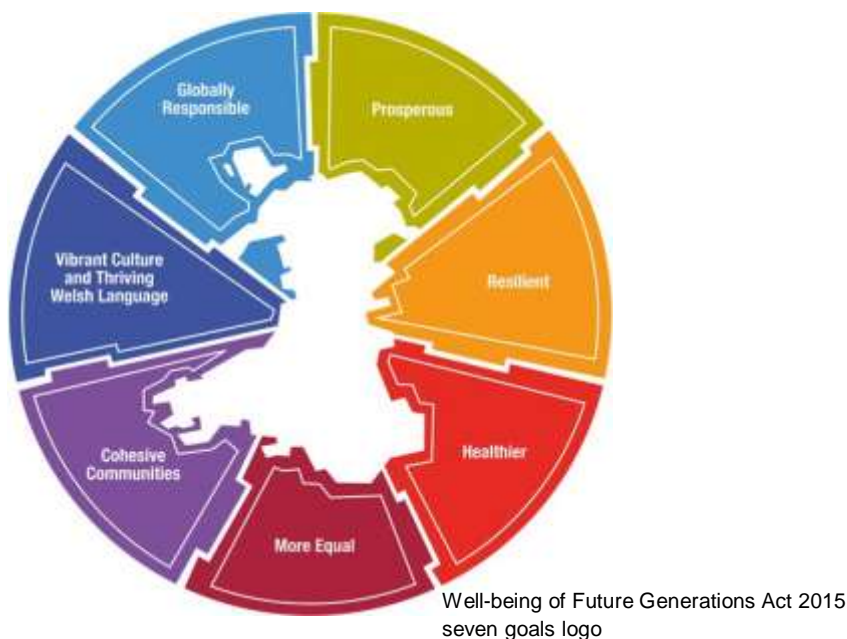
The Precept, together with our other incomes and reserves, will cover the day-to-day running of the Community Council plus specific projects e.g. our Pavilion Reconfiguration project, and known or anticipated expenditures.

The Council's Duties towards Well being

The Act is seeking a more joined-up approach between public bodies to think about the long-term to create the Wales that we all want to live in, now and in the future.

The Community Council when exercising its powers (the right to spend monies) needs to ensure that it is mindful of the Welsh Government's "Well-Being of Future Generations Act 2015" and should consider the Act's goals when undertaking projects within the community.

The Welsh Government's "Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015" contains seven (7) goals aimed at improving the well-being of residents across Wales, and particularly within the individual communities. Councils need to consider all goals, not just 1 or 2. For a small council this can be extremely difficult.



Accountability

The Community Council has an adopted Code of Conduct for its members. Also, a Register of Interests is kept. Each councillor has to declare any interest they have in items to be discussed at the start of each meeting and these are noted in the minutes.

Each year an Internal and External Audit are undertaken.

The Internal Audit was completed by IAC Audit and Consultancy Ltd and the External Audit undertaken by Audit Wales.

Internal Audit

The Internal Audit is currently being completed for the year ending 31 March 2025 (see website for details when updated).

The External Audit will be done by Audit Wales and the outcome will be published on our website in due course. Our Last Audit for 2023-2024 was an unqualified Audit.

Once every three years Audit Wales will undertake a 'full' (in-depth) audit on all councils. Rogiet Community Council last underwent a 'Full Audit' for the year 2022-23.

What we have been doing

As your local council we have continued to maintain and improve valuable services to the community, including play park equipment, grass-cutting / hedge clearing (we pay MCC to do this), taking care of our War Memorial, emptying dog waste bins, responding as a consultee to planning applications, and helping residents to access services from MCC. We have also continued to maintain the Rogiet Hub (Pavilion) building, which provides home facilities for several local organisations: Little Tigers Day-care and Severn Tunnel Football Club.

Remembrance Sunday / D-Day

The Community Council was proud to pay its part in the community's commemoration of Remembrance Sunday and D-Day 80.



Over the Summer and Autumn, we ran monthly councillor surgeries, where residents could come to speak to us about their concerns and learn more about what we are responsible for (and, for subjects out of our remit, how to make reports to the responsible agencies). Also we supported our Local Police and held Police Surgeries at the Pavilion.

In early Spring we replaced the wooden planters at the bus stops on the north side of Caldicot Road with new, larger, self-watering planters made from recycled plastic. We have filled these - and two wooden planters at South Grove and Slade View - with spring flowers. Later, we will replace the spring planting with summer bedding. We continue to keep the stone trough planters by the war memorial looking attractive.



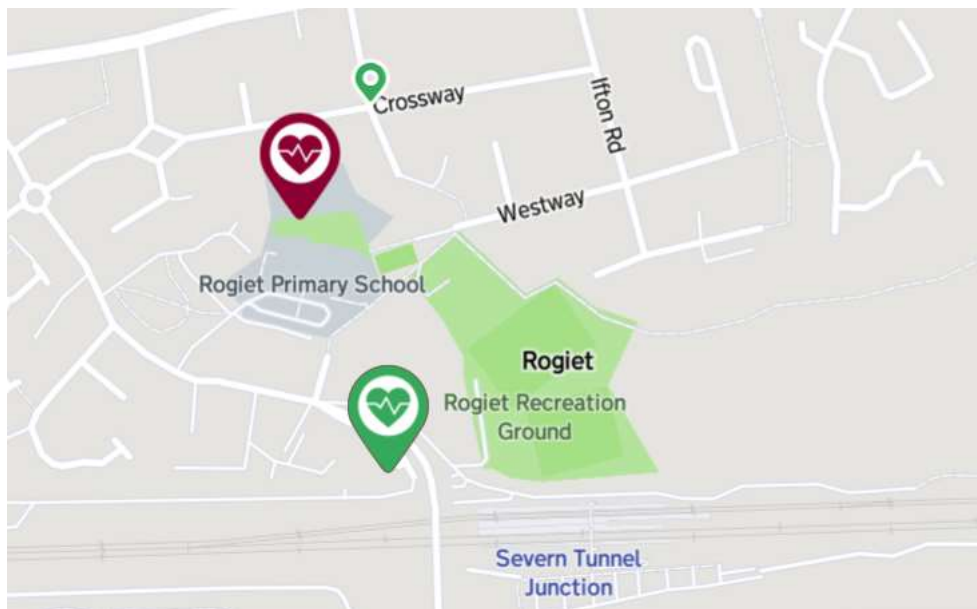
We have given financial support to community groups and charities, notably this year to the newly formed Rogiet Art Group, and to Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice. We have also lent legal (in the form of a lease), practical and neighbourly support to Rogiet Community Junction, during the build of their new community café and shop.

Grants

During 2024-2025 the Council provided £1291.94 in grant money to support local causes and also £825.00 to support our Local Citizen Advice Bureau which helps and supports people in our area and the wider community

Defibrillators

We have maintained the defibrillator by the Church Hall, we do monthly checks and purchase new pads and batteries when needed.



The Location of defibrillators in Rogiet can be found at www.defibfinder.uk

Litter Hub

Rogiet Community Council continued throughout the year to work in collaboration with Keep Wales Tidy to host a Caru Cymru Litter Picking Hub to help make our community a cleaner and safer place to live, play and work.

As a hub we have a supply of 20 litter pickers, hoops and hi-visibility jackets along with a supply of MCC rubbish bags. Equipment can be borrowed free of charge by individuals, groups, schools, organisations and businesses.



CCTV

We have further improved our CCTV system by adding a new external camera and upgrading the storage capacity of the recorder. The new camera gives cover to the war memorial and the road entrance from Westway.

Dugouts

In the summer, we arranged for the repair of long-term vandalism damage to one of our dugouts on the football field. Unfortunately, just three weeks after the repair, a parkour enthusiast managed to wreck a repaired side wall, so an even more extensive repair was needed, requiring the dugout to be fenced off for two months. The work was completed and the dugout returned to service, with new signs on both dugouts informing the public about CCTV and prohibiting climbing on the structures.



Rogiet Hub Refurbishment

Following our decision to scale back our plans for a brand-new Rogiet Hub community building, we engaged our architect to create feasibility designs, and we have recently submitted our full Planning Application to Monmouthshire County Council.

The application proposes to refurbish and re-configure our existing building to provide improved community facilities with better accessibility, and a new detached building for sports changing facilities. If we are successful with our application, we will then create a full business case and start looking actively for funding. In the meantime, we will continue to set aside funds into our ear-marked reserves. This project is likely to be a major focus for us.



Perspective view showing access improvements and new sports changing cabin

As well as all the above, we have managed the routine activities of running the council as a corporate body: controlling the finances (budget, precept, payment of staff, payment of invoices for services, day-to-day banking, etc); managing policies, staff, council meetings, social media, etc.

For more information about the council, council business and to see regular updates please view our website: www.rogietcommunitycouncil.co.uk and follow us on Facebook: [Rogiet Community Council](https://www.facebook.com/RogietCommunityCouncil).