



## **Annual Report 2025-2026**

### **Welcome to the 2025-2026 Annual Report**

Hello and welcome to all residents of Rogiet. This report provides an overview of the activities and developments carried out by Rogiet Community Council from April 2025 to March 2026.

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## **Introduction**

This report offers a brief outline of the Council's structure, highlights of our activities and a financial summary. Additionally, you'll find details on how to contact your local Councillors, along with an overview of our work over the last year. Rogiet Community Council consists of 7 members, all of whom hold office by signing a declaration of acceptance upon election or Co-option. While many of the Council's activities are undertaken voluntarily, the Councillors are part of the official local government structure of Wales.

The Council is led by the Chair who is elected annually from among the serving Councillors. For 2025-2026 - Councillor Philip Ellwood continued as Chair with Councillor Beverley Cawley serving as Vice-Chair.

We hold formal meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm at Rogiet Pavilion. These meetings are open to the public with time for questions at the beginning. We also offer a hybrid option for remote participation.

There are no meetings in August due to the summer recess. Depending on ongoing projects, Councillors may meet informally in smaller working groups to tackle specific issues which are then discussed at full Council meetings.

## **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 2025-2026 were:**

- Cllr Philip Ellwood (Chair)
- Cllr Beverly Cawley (Vice-Chair)
- Cllr Paul Cromwell
- Cllr Janet Trow
- Cllr Anna Wilson
- Cllr Marjorie Winskill
- Cllr Robin Castree (up to August 2025) and
- Cllr Stephen Pickin (from March 2026)

For further details on Councillors and Council staff please visit our website:

[www.rogiet-cc.gov.wales](http://www.rogiet-cc.gov.wales)

## **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 Financial Officer** – Alice Vaughan (CILCA Qualified - Certificate in Local Council Administration)

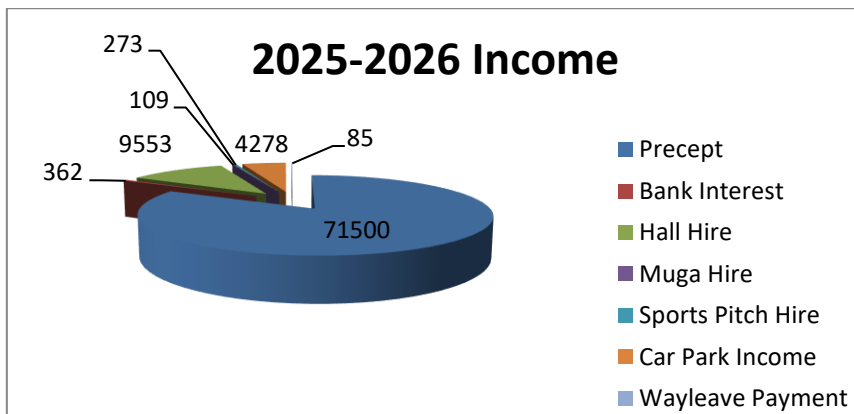
**Cleaner** – Lauren Hunt

**Litter picker** – Sonia Beeston-Leaper

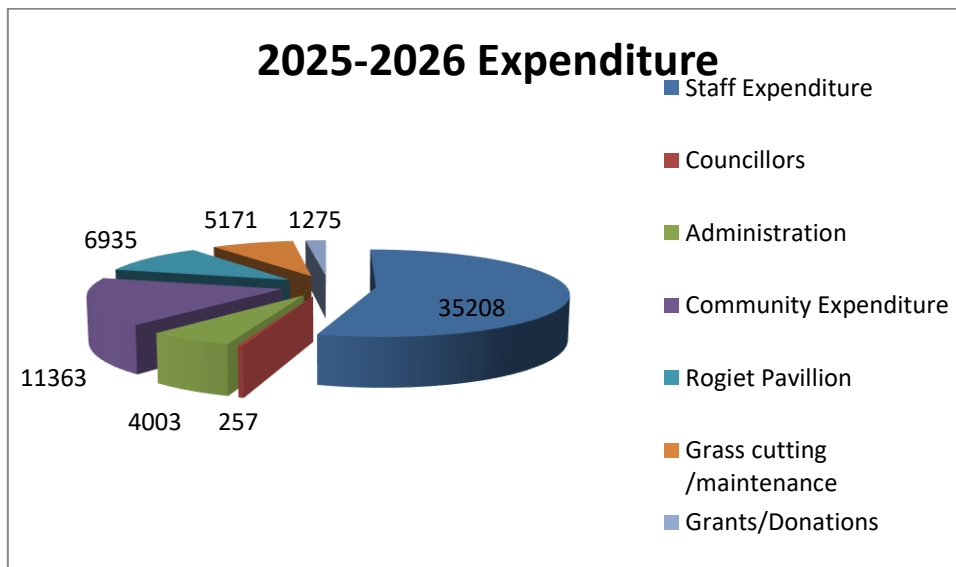
## Budget and Precept

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 2025-2026 Rogiet Community Council precept was £71,500. 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 2026-2027**

For the Financial Year 2026-27 the Council has set a Budget Expenditure of £109,092.00 and a Precept of £77,578. The difference being made up of General Reserves and other income.

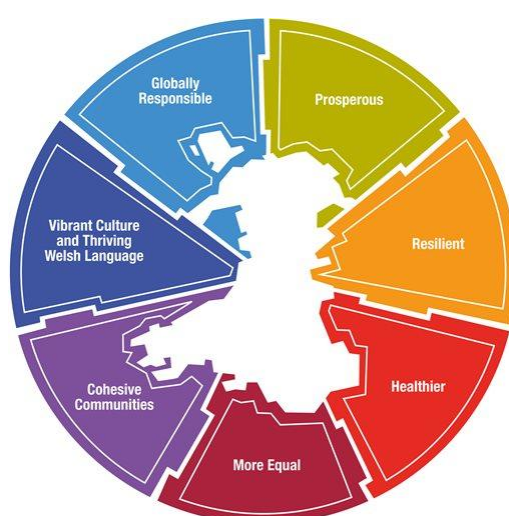
The Precept, together with our other incomes and reserves, will cover the day-to-day running of the Community Council plus specific projects e.g. our Pavilion Reconfiguration project, and known or anticipated expenditures.

## **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 must 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 2026 (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 Audits for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 were unqualified Audits.

Once every three years Audit Wales will undertake a 'full' (in-depth) audit on all councils. Rogiet Community Council has a 'Full Audit' for the year 2025-26.

## **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 provide quarterly Councillor Surgeries to engage with residents on issues of concerns. 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. The Pavilion continues to be an expensive-to-maintain asset with low revenue returns.

## **Remembrance Sunday / VE-Day 80 and VJ-Day 80**

2025 was a busy year for commemoration and remembrance services. We held outdoor services at the memorial on three occasions: VE-Day 80 on 8 May, VJ-Day 80 on 15 August, each with a special flag flying at Rogiet Primary School; and of course Remembrance Sunday on 9 November. Following each of these services, we opened the pavilion building for refreshments and friendly chat for all participants and attendees.



## **Community Support & Grants**

In 2025-2026, Rogiet Community Council had budgeted £1,500 for grants for local causes - only £450 was allocated as we had only two applications– Rogiet Community Junction for the Christmas Tree at the new café and Caldicot Foodbank for help with the costs towards Christmas parcels for residents in Caldicot and surrounding areas including Rogiet. A further £825.00 was donated to support Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice, which provides valuable support to our residents.

## **Severn Tunnel Centenary Mural**

Together with County Councillor Strong we successfully repatriated the Severn Tunnel Centenary Mural back to Rogiet in December. Recently the mural has been restored to its original condition by the original artist, and we are now trying to identify and secure a suitable permanent home for it.



## **Windmill Post**

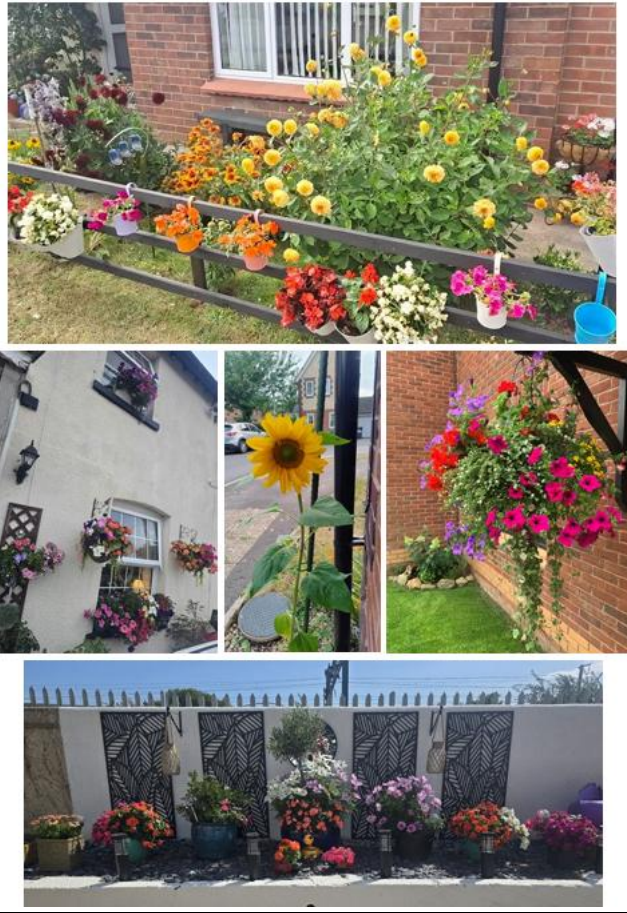
During the year the Council has produced and distributed two editions of *The Windmill Post* – a Summer and a Winter edition. Both publications were delivered to every household in Rogiet, Llanfihangel and Common-y-Coed and can also be viewed on our website.

The magazine keeps residents updated on the work of the Community Council, including projects completed, current activities, forthcoming initiatives and community events. It also serves as an important communication tool helping to keep residents informed about local issues, council decisions and opportunities to engage with community activities.

## **Rogiet in Bloom competition 2025**

We were delighted to run the Rogiet in Bloom competition in 2025, the first time for many years. Undy and Magor Horticultural Society kindly judged the entries and on 8 October we were delighted to host a prize-giving ceremony for the winners. Many congratulations to all participants for taking the time to enter and for the efforts made to make your gardens look beautiful.

Here are some photos of the gardens of the Winners and Runners-Up:



## **Muga Lighting and Tennis**

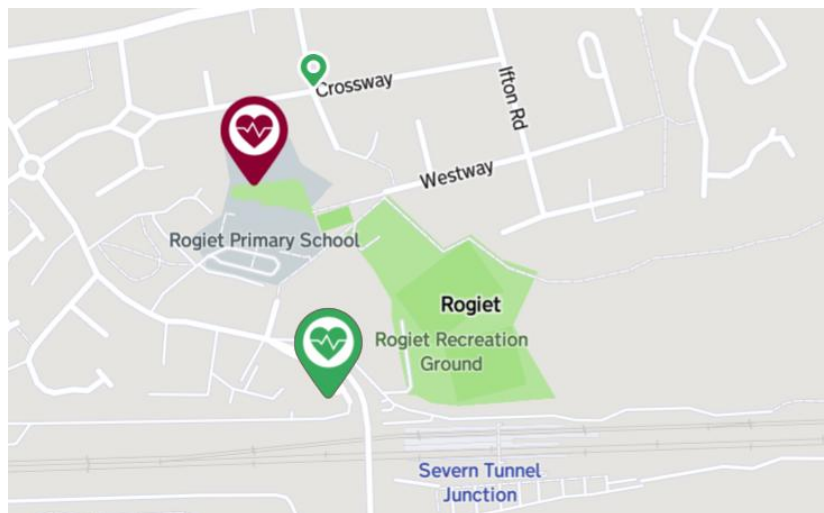
In early autumn we changed the way that the MUGA lights are operated to a push button solution - to be more convenient for ad-hoc use by residents, and to require less management from the Council.

In the summer we again provided free tennis racquets and balls in a box, for residents to just 'pick up and play'. This continues to be popular with residents

## Defibrillator

In July we purchased and installed a new defibrillator and heated cabinet at Rogiet Church Hall, replacing the previous unit which had unfortunately suffered water-damage.

We continue to maintain the **defibrillator** conducting monthly checks and replacing pads and batteries as needed. Full details of defibrillator locations are available on [Defib Finder](#).



## CCTV

Rogiet benefits from a comprehensive CCTV system, with cameras covering the Pavilion, War Memorial, play park, car park and football field. In 2025 we paid off the lease in full, and the entire system is now owned outright by Rogiet Community Council.

We have also a maintenance contract with the original installer to ensure the cameras continue to operate reliably for the safety and benefit of residents and facility users.

## **Rogiet Hub Refurbishment**

In May 2025 we gained planning approval from Monmouthshire County Council to refurbish and re-configure our existing Pavilion building to provide improved community facilities with better accessibility, and to build a new detached building to provide sports changing facilities. We are now working on the creation of a full Business Case to support applications for funding.

This project will continue to be a major focus for us in 2026-27 and beyond.



We also sought pre-application advice on our proposals to improve the path from Rogiet Playing Fields Car Park to the Hub and Shop/Café. This is now on hold, pending outcomes of MCC's Active Travel scheme called Severn Tunnel Links, which might address the same path

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.rogiet-cc.gov.wales](http://www.rogiet-cc.gov.wales) and follow us on Facebook: [Rogiet Community Council](https://www.facebook.com/RogietCommunityCouncil).