

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFYDY MORGANNWG

Reference code: GB 214 RDGR

Title: GELLIGAER AND RHIGOS RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Date(s) 1894-1908

Level of description: Fonds (level 2)

Extent: 0.24 cubic metres (35 vols., 9 booklets)

Name of creator(s) Gelligaer and Rhigos Rural District Council

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Administrative/Biographical history

Rural District Councils were established in 1895, under the terms of the Local Government Act 1894. The act created new Urban District Councils to replace Local Boards of Health and Urban Sanitary Authorities. Rural Sanitary Authorities, previously administered by the Poor Law Union, became Rural District Councils. The powers and boundaries of these districts remained largely unchanged, and in many cases the members and officers of the authorities also remained the same. Elections were held for the new Urban and Rural District Councils in December 1894.

Gelligaer and Rhigos Rural District Council was established in 1894, under the terms of the Local Government Act 1894. It was formed from part of the Merthyr Tydfil Rural Sanitary Authority, and oversaw the area covered by the parish of Gelligaer and civil parish RDGR/T/5/ of Rhigos (formerly part of Ystradyfodwg ecclesiastical parish). Of the four parishes that formed the Merthyr Tydfil Rural Sanitary Authority, these were the two that lay in Glamorgan. It held responsibility for housing; sanitation; public health and water supply.

Gelligaer and Rhigos Rural District Council was abolished by an order of the Local Government Board on September 11th 1908. Gelligaer became an Urban District Council under the same order, and responsibility for the civil parish of Rhigos was transferred to Neath Rural District Council.

Scope and content

Gelligaer and Rhigos Rural District Council records include minutes; registers of mortgages; provisional orders; bye-laws; annual reports of the Medical Officer of Health; treasurer's general accounts ledgers and rate books.

Appraisal, destruction and scheduling information

All records offered have been accepted and listed

Conditions governing access

Items containing information on named Individuals may be restricted in accordance with the Data Protection Act and Record Office policy

Conditions governing reproduction

Normal Glamorgan Record Office conditions apply.

Language/Scripts of material

English

Physical characteristics and technical requirements

Fair condition

Finding aids

Detailed list available.

Related units of description

Merthyr Tydfil Poor Law Union (UM)

Glamorgan County Council (GCC)

Gelligaer Urban District Council (UDG)

Records of Neath Rural District Council are held by the West Glamorgan Archive Service

Date(s) of descriptions

1995; revised November 2002 and September 2006

Clerk. Committee records

	Minutes missing	1894-1898
RDGR/C/1/1	Minutes (indexed) '3' [1 vol.; manuscript]	1898-1900
RDGR/C/1/2	Minutes (indexed) '4' [1 vol.; manuscript]	1900-1902
RDGR/C/1/3	Minutes (indexed) '5' [1 vol.; manuscript]	1902-1903

Minutes **missing**

Clerk's Department

RDGR/C/2	Register of mortgages [1 vol.]	1898-1921
RDGR/C/3	Provisional orders no.6 (1898) and no.4 (1899) to put in force the compulsory clauses of the Lands Clauses Acts [1 vol.]	1898, 1899
RDGR/C/4	Byelaws of common lodging houses, approved by the Guardians of the Poor of Merthyr Tydfil Union Printed 1903 [1 booklet; printed]	1879

Medical Officer of Health

RDGR/M/1/1	Annual report on sanitary conditions	1901
RDGR/M/1/2	Annual report on sanitary conditions	1902
RDGR/M/1/3	Annual report on sanitary conditions	1903
RDGR/M/1/4	Annual report on sanitary conditions	1904
RDGR/M/1/5	Annual report on sanitary conditions	1905
RDGR/M/1/6	Annual report on sanitary conditions	1906
RDGR/M/1/7	Annual report on sanitary conditions	1907
RDGR/M/1/8	Annual report on sanitary conditions	1908

[8 booklets]

TreasurerGeneral accounts

RDGR/T/1/1	General ledger ('no.4')	1900-1901
RDGR/T/1/2	General ledger ('no.5')	1901-1902
RDGR/T/1/3	General ledger ('no.6')	1902-1903
	[3 vols.]	

Poor and sanitary rates, and special expenses, for Gelligaer parish

Earlier rate-books for the parish are listed with the records of Gelligaer Civil Parish (ref. P2)

RDGR/T/5/1	Rate-book	May 1900
RDGR/T/5/2	Rate-book. Special expenses	Dec 1900
RDGR/T/5/3	Rate-book	Dec 1900
RDGR/T/5/4	Rate-book	June 1901
RDGR/T/5/5	Rate-book	Nov 1901
RDGR/T/5/6	Rate-book	Oct 1902
RDGR/T/5/7	Rate-book	May 1903
RDGR/T/5/8	Rate-book	Nov 1903
RDGR/T/5/9	Rate-book	Nov 1903
RDGR/T/5/10	Rate-book, nos.1-946, pp.1-97	May 1904
RDGR/T/5/11	Rate-book, nos.947-1793, pp.98-161	May 1904
RDGR/T/5/12	Rate-book, nos.1-856, pp.1-97	Oct 1904
RDGR/T/5/13	Rate-book, nos.857-1707, pp.98-161	Oct 1904
RDGR/T/5/14	Rate-book, nos.1-986, pp.1-97	Apr 1905
RDGR/T/5/15	Rate-book, nos.987-2008, pp.98-168	Apr 1905
RDGR/T/5/16	Rate-book, nos.1-1003, pp.1-99	Oct 1905
RDGR/T/5/17	Rate-book, nos.1004-2058, pp.100-181	Oct 1905
RDGR/T/5/18	Rate-book, nos.1-1073, pp.1-101	May 1906
RDGR/T/5/19	Rate-book, nos.1074-2286, pp.102-191	May 1906
RDGR/T/5/20	Rate-book, nos.1-1102, pp.1-106	Nov 1906
RDGR/T/5/21	Rate-book, nos.1102-2372, pp.107-201	Nov 1906
RDGR/T/5/22	Rate-book, nos.1-1108, pp.1-101	Apr 1907
RDGR/T/5/23	Rate-book, nos.1109-2383, pp.102-192	Apr 1907
RDGR/T/5/24	Rate-book, nos.1-3079, pp.1-114	Oct 1907
RDGR/T/5/25	Rate-book, nos.3080-5479, pp.115-208	Oct 1907
RDGR/T/5/26	Rate-book, nos.1-3168, pp.1-142	May 1908
RDGR/T/5/27	Rate-book, nos.3169-5571, pp.143-243	May 1908
	[27 vols.]	