

GLAMORGAN RECORD OFFICE/ARCHIFYDY MORGANNWG

Reference code: GB 214 BR

Title: RHONDDA BOROUGH COUNCIL / CYNGOR
BWRDEISTREF RHONDDA

Date(s) 1955-1974

Level of description: Fonds (level 2)

Extent: 0.3 cubic metres

Name of creator(s) Rhondda Borough Council

SOME OF THE RECORDS ARE STORED IN AN OUTSIDE REPOSITORY. THESE RECORDS SHOULD BE ORDERED AT LEAST A WEEK IN ADVANCE OF AN INTENDED VISIT SO THAT THEY CAN BE BROUGHT INTO THE RECORD OFFICE FOR CONSULTATION IN THE SEARCH ROOM.

Administrative/Biographical history

Rhondda Borough Council was formed from Rhondda Urban District Council in 1955. The area was served by Merthyr Tydfil Rural Sanitary Authority and Pontypridd Rural Sanitary Authority from 1863, and Ystradyfodwg Urban Sanitary Authority from 1875. In 1894, the latter authority became Ystradyfodwg Urban District Council, which changed its name to Rhondda Urban District Council in 1897. An application was made by Rhondda Urban District Council for Municipal Borough status in 1953. The grant of a borough charter was approved on February 1st 1955, and was presented to the council by the Duke of Edinburgh on April 28th that year. The council officially became a borough, and held its first meeting, on May 23rd 1955.

The Borough Council served the geographical area covered by the Ystradyfodwg civil parish, and parts of Llanwonno and Llantrisant parishes. Its motto was 'Hwy Clod Na Golud' (fame outlasts wealth). The Borough's area of administration grew over the years, and by 1973 it covered 11 wards, with 11 aldermen and 33 councillors.

Rhondda Borough Council held responsibility for housing and recreation. In terms of education, it remained the only 'excepted district' in Wales, and as such continued as the Divisional Executive for education, with Glamorgan County Council acting as Local Education Authority.

Certain health functions were delegated to Rhondda Borough Council by Glamorgan County Council on July 1st 1962, covering environmental health services; personal health services and hospitals. On April 1st 1965 Glamorgan County Council devolved responsibility for weights and measures to the Borough, under the terms of

the Weights and Measures Act 1963. The Borough's main functions in this area were to ensure fair dealings in trade transactions, and to maintain adequate standards. On July 1st 1962, the Borough received a number of welfare services functions from the County Council, including the provision of residential accommodation and the welfare of disabled persons. By 1973, these powers had been removed.

The water supply of Rhondda Fawr was made the responsibility of Rhondda Urban District Council in 1898. This responsibility passed to the Borough Council, which became a constituent member of the Pontypridd and Rhondda Joint Water Board. By 1973, responsibility for water supply had passed to the Taf Fechan Water Board.

Under local government re-organisation in 1974, Rhondda Borough Council became Rhondda (District) Borough Council, one of 6 districts operating under the new county of Mid-Glamorgan. It was the only county that retained its current identity, without merger or part-merger with neighbouring authorities.

Scope and content

The records of Rhondda Borough Council include Clerk's Department records, and records of the Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer's Department.

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

Good condition

Finding aids

Item level list available

Related units of description

Ystradfyodwg Urban District Council (UDY)
Rhondda Urban District Council (UDR).
Rhondda (District) Borough Council (DCR)
Glamorgan County Council (GC)
Mid-Glamorgan County Council (MGC)

N.B. Rhondda Urban District Council was granted Borough status in 1955. Despite this change in status, the authority's administrative functions continued with little or no change. As a result, there is often no break at this date in the records created. Records which straddle this period have been listed with the Rhondda Urban District Council Records. Those created post-1955 have been listed with Rhondda Borough Records.

Date(s) of description

November 2002

BR/C	Clerk's Department	
BR/C1	Minutes Chairman's signed copies of main series of council minutes [35 vols.]	1955-1974
BR/C1/1	[1 vol.]	May 1955 - Nov. 1955
BR/C1/2	[1 vol.]	Nov. 1955 - May 1956
BR/C1/3	[1 vol.]	May 1956 - Nov. 1956
BR/C1/4	[1 vol.]	Nov. 1956 - May 1957
BR/C1/5	[1 vol.]	May 1957 - Nov. 1957
BR/C1/6	[1 vol.]	Nov. 1957 - May 1958
BR/C1/7	[1 vol.]	May 1958 - Nov. 1958
BR/C1/8	[1 vol.]	Nov. 1958 - May 1959
BR/C1/9	[1 vol.]	May 1959 - Nov. 1959
BR/C1/10	[1 vol.]	Nov. 1959 - May 1960
BR/C1/11	Duplicate of BRC1/9 [1 vol.]	May 1959 - Nov. 1959
BR/C1/12	Duplicate of BRC1/10 [1 vol.]	Nov. 1959 - May 1960
BR/C1/13	[1 vol.]	May 1960 - Nov. 1960
BR/C1/14	[1 vol.]	Nov. 1960 - May 1961
BR/C1/15	[1 vol.]	May 1961 - Nov. 1961
BR/C1/16	[1 vol.]	Nov. 1961 - May 1962
BR/C1/17	[1 vol.]	May 1962 - Nov. 1962
BR/C1/18-21	Numbers not used	
BR/C1/22	[1 vol.]	Nov. 1964 - May 1964

BR/C1/23	[1 vol.]	May 1965 - Nov. 1965
BR/C1/24	[1 vol.]	Nov. 1965 - May 1966
BR/C1/25	[1 vol.]	May 1966 - Nov. 1966
BR/C1/26-30	Numbers not used	
BR/C1/31a-d	[4 vols.]	May 1969 - Nov. 1969
BR/C1/32a-d	[4 vols.]	Nov. 1969 - May 1970
BR/C1/33a-e	[4 vols.]	May 1970 - Dec. 1970
BR/C1/34-36	Numbers not used	
BR/C1/37	[1 vol.]	May 1973 - Mar. 1974
BR/C1/38	Index to minutes	May 1967 - May 1968
	[1 vol.]	
BR/C2	Minutes	1955-1974
	Series compiled from Surveyor's and Clerk's copies of council minutes	
	[3 vols.]	
BR/C2/1-29	Numbers not used	
BR/C2/30	[1 vol.]	May 1970 - May 1971
BR/C2/31	[1 vol.]	May 1971 - May 1972
BR/C2/32	[1 vol.]	May 1972 - May 1973
BR/C2/33	Number not used	

