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General Meeting of Cwmllynfell Community Council will be held at Rhiwfawr Hall on Thursday 20 September 2018 at 6.30pm

Minutes

Cllr RM Evans – Chairman
Cllr DH Jones – Vice Chairman
Cllr H Lewis
Cllr D Thomas
Cllr P Morgan
Cllr G Jones
Cllr N Cole-Jones
Mr K Rochard – Youth Member

S Daniel – Clerk

38. Election of Chairperson

The Clerk informed members that she had received a letter of resignation from the Standing Chairman Cllr G Davies and so it was necessary to appoint a new Chairman for the municipal year.

Resolved: That Cllr RM Evans was elected to the position of Chairman

39. Election of Vice Chairperson

Resolved: That Cllr DH Jones was elected as Vice Chairman

40. Apologies for Absence

None received.

41. Declarations of Interest

None received

42. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19 July 2018

The minutes of the 19 July 2018 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting

43. Matters Arising

101	Member Vacancies	Update
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	<p>The Clerk advised that Notices had been displayed in Rhiwfawr and Cwmllynfell and no request for an election had been received, therefore members were able to co-opt to the positions.</p> <p>She informed members that she had received two expressions of interest for the three vacancies in the Cwmllynfell ward. She read out for the benefit of members the information she had received from two people who had expressed an interest in becoming a member.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Members agreed to Co-opt to the Cwmllynfell ward. Mr D Watkins and Ms H Williams</p> <p>The Clerk advised that due to the resignation of Cllr G Davies there was now a vacancy for the Rhiwfawr Ward, leaving two positions vacant on the Council. New notices would be displayed in Rhiwfawr and Cwmllynfell.</p>	
42 c) (16/17)	<p>Rhiwfawr Sports Field</p> <p>The clerk advised that following an independent CCTV drainage survey of the field she was now seeking further advice and representation from the Local Authority and a firm of solicitors to act on behalf of the Community Council as it had come to light that the works previously undertaken were not of a sufficient standard, nor fit for the purpose intended</p> <p>The clerk advised that the Community Council would now be challenging any demands for payment on the work undertaken and therefore it would be inappropriate to comment on this further at this moment in time.</p> <p>The clerk advised that unfortunately the community council are unable to progress with any further works on the field as this was now in the hands of a solicitor. She confirmed that as soon as this matter was resolved she would be working with the Local Authority and the Community Council members to discuss a management plan for the future repair of the field and to secure a reputable contractor to complete the works. She asked that members relay this to the community and relay apologies on behalf of the community council for the delay in progressing with any further repairs. She stated that the patience and understanding of the community was appreciated and</p>	Update

	understood that the public would be frustrated at the lack of progress on the field. She added that if members had any queries from the public that they were not able to address they could be directed to the clerk.	
38.3 (16/17)	<p>Bank Account</p> <p>The clerk had received paperwork from 2 members which she would now send to Barclays to process. Once this was completed there would be 3 members who were authorised signatories on the account.</p>	Update
109.3	<p>Rushlands</p> <p>The clerk advised that to progress with maintenance on the Rushlands a management plan would need to be devised before quotes for the work could be sought.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to resources this is not something the Local Authority would be able to support the Community Council with.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Local Authority to see if there were grants available to fund the work and also contact the conservation specialist who may be able to advise where to go in order to get the works undertaken as the area does need to be maintained.</p>	Update
36b 18/19	<p>Rushlands Footbridge Damage</p> <p>The clerk advised that she had spoken with the Rights of Way officer at NPTCBC and they confirmed that they were responsible for the repair of the footbridge. Subsequently a new handrail has been installed three and the works were now complete.</p>	Complete

44. Clerks Report

The clerk advised that in addition to the correspondence listed in the report she had received a letter from Cwmllynfell Rugby Club to ask if the Community Council would like to renew their advertising at the ground for a further year at the cost of £100.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to award a £100 grant to the rugby club.

A letter was received from Aeron Williams, Secretary of Cwmllynfell and District Bowls Club thanking the Community Council on the recent grant award of £500. Attached to the letter is an end of project report that is requested upon the award of each grant awarded by ³the community council which details how

the grant is spent which will go some way towards the clubs financial commitments including the annual running costs for water charges.

45. Financial Matters

a. Payment of Accounts in August and September

August

1982	Phone Bill	O2	19.84
1983	Salary, mileage Expenses	S Daniel	585.76
1984	Pension	NEST	28.23
1985	Income Tax	HMRC	128.31
1987	Grass Cutting	Wrenvale	228.00
1986	Drainage Survey	Drainforce	291.00
1988	East Pit Community Grant Payment	Cwmllynfell Hall	10,000.00
1989	East Pit Grant Payment	Cwmllynfell Short Mat Bowls Club	500.00
1990	East Pit Grant Payment	Cwmllynfell District Bowls Club	500.00
1991	Parks inspection	ROSPA	159.60

September

1992	Website	Spanglefish	59.90
1993	Grass Cutting	Wrenvale	1008.00
1994	Salary, Mileage and Expenses	S Daniel	534.34
1995 DD	Pension	NEST	28.23
1996	Income Tax	HMRC	128.31
1997	Mobile Phone Bill	O2	19.84

46. Planning Matters considered in recess

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Applicants Name /Address:

MR ROBERT THOMPSON, CELTIC ENERGY LTD, 9 BEDDAU WAY, CASTLEGATE BUSINESS PARK, CAERPHILLY,CF33 2AX

Site Location:

EAST PIT SURFACE MINE, TAIRGWAITH, AMMANFORD, NEATH, SA18 1UP

RESOLVED: Members noted the application and did not wish to make any representations in respect of the above application

47. Planning Matters to be considered

a. None received at the time of publication of agenda

48. Reports

a. ROSPA Play Parks Inspections

The clerk advised on the outcome of the recent park's inspections. She advised that whilst there were some areas that were flagged to the Council, they were for monitoring only and of very low risk, therefore no repairs were needed. She advised members that she would report back on the warranty of the installation of the play equipment at the playground in Rhiwfawr.

b. Cllr DH Jones –

- Cwmllynfell Hall Funding

Cllr DH Jones reported that Cwmllynfell Hall were concerned that funding had been cut from NPTCBC and from the Community Council and they feared for the future of the hall. He asked members of the Council to reconsider the future funding and asked for members to consider increasing the funding from next year from £6,000 to £8,000.

Members discussed the proposal and were committed to keeping the hall open for the community and did not want to see the hall close as it was well used by residents.

Members agreed that when the community council sets their pre-cept for the 2019/20 financial year they would take into account awarding Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall £8,000 for the financial year. Members of the Council agreed that a business plan from the hall would need to be submitted to the Council.

- Doctors Surgery Issues

Approached by residents regarding the lack of doctors and long waiting times. Community thinking of organising a protest. Cllr DH Jones to write to the trust in first instance and await outcome before any action is taken. Residents were concerned that the state of the building and were worried that the surgery may close.

- Llynfell Park access

Met with NPTCBC officers re installing a gate in the fence at the park in Cwmllynfell due to health and safety concerns. The Local Authority were supportive of this. The Clerk would now obtain three quotes for the installation.

- Caedu Road condition

It was agreed to get another two quotes for the repair as the condition was dangerous and needs to be repaired as soon as possible.

- Community Council garage

Local resident approached about two benches that have been taken away that were donated by miners from opencast. The resident will they replenish them and has asked for space in the community council garage to do this.

Members agreed that a community contribution will also be considered by the council.

c. Other Member reports

Remembrance stone

The stone was waiting to be engraved and the cost overall was less than initially thought and it was agreed that a contribution would come from Cwmllynfell Hall, Quarter Bach and the Community council. The ceremony would take place on Friday 9th November 2.00pm.

Exact costs would be obtained but members agreed for £500 to be earmarked from reserves.

Planning permission – quarry.

Members were concerned at the lorries from the quarry driving at speed through the village during peak times when children are walking to/ from school. The Clerk agreed to check the planning permission re the timings of the lorries going through the village. Cllr DH Jones is on the liaison committee and agreed to bring this up at the next meeting.

49. Confirmation of venue for next meeting

The Council agreed to meet at Cwmllynfell Hall.

50. Rhiwfawr Sports Field

It is proposed under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press from Agenda Item 11a of this meeting as it would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

Meeting closed at 20.32