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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RHIWFAWR HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 16th JUNE 2010 AT 6.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillor M Jones (Chairman) presided
COUNCILLORS: R Evans, V B Fox, M Harries, D Lloyd, D C Phillips and S Williams.
ATTENDING: Councillor C E Richards, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

19. CONDOLENCES – THE LATE MR JOHN DEWI DAVIES

The Chairman referred with deep regret to the fact that Mr John Dewi Davies a former member of the Council had passed away.

All present stood in silent tribute as a token of respect.

Resolved that the Council's condolences be conveyed to Mrs Davies and the family.

20. APOLOGIES

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors L Davies and V B Fox.

Resolved that the Council's best wishes for a speedy recovery be conveyed to Mrs Davies.

21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

22. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 19th May 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

23. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 3 – Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Resolved that Councillor Marshall Evans be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor M Evans then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking to comply with the Code of Conduct.

(b) Minute 10(a) Cwmllynfell Hall

The Clerk reported that in responding to the Neath Port Talbot Children and Young People Partnership regarding the play scheme at Rhiwfawr, he had enquired whether any assistance could be provided to Cwmllynfell Hall in the running of their play scheme. A Play Development Worker had subsequently met with representatives of the hall and agreed to arrange a few workshops for the children and staff and also provide training for staff and volunteers.

Resolved that the report be noted.

(c) Minute 10(b)– Cemetery Gates

It was reported that good progress was being made and that the new gates were to be set in place during the following weekend.

Resolved that the report be noted.

(d) Minute 11 – Rhiwfawr Traditional Welsh Primary School

A letter dated 28th May had been received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council by email on the 7th June 2010 in which notice was given of the public meeting convened for the 14th June 2010.

Resolved that this matter be deferred until Councillor C E Richards reports on the public meeting.

(e) Minute 14 – Rhiwfawr Park – Rushlands and BMX Track

The Clerk reported that the alterations to the fencing separating the BMX track from the play area had been completed and that he was in discussions with Groundwork to ensure that remaining issues would be completed prior to the RoSPA inspection.

Resolved that the report be noted.

(f) Minute 16(b) – Insurance

The Clerk reported that in accordance with the instructions of Council negotiations were entered into with the Council's Insurers to secure a renewal of the insurance so as to maintain the premium at the same level. The insurers agreed to a premium of £946.96 which was only £1.46 more than the previous year. Councillors D B Thomas and D C Phillips had therefore authorised the release of a cheque in respect of the premium.

Resolved that the report be noted and the action taken confirmed.

24. INVITATIONS TO ATTEND EVENTS

Resolved that the invitations received for the Council to be represented at the under mentioned events be noted:

Community Climate Change Network Event at either Newport on the 23rd June or Carmarthen on the 24th June 2010;

Swansea Council for Voluntary Service - "Add Value Workshop" with the Bro Morgannwg University Health Board;

One Voice Wales Training Event for Councillors at Hengoed on the 28th June 2010;

Environment Agency - Air Quality Community Event at Port Talbot on the 13th July 2010;

25. COMMON COMPLAINTS SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SERVICE PROVIDERS IN WALES

Resolved that no objection be raised to the proposal for establishing a common complaints system for public services providers in Wales as outlined in a letter dated 24th May 2010 and accompanying document from the Public Services Ombudsman.

26. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL/COMMUNITY COUNCILS LIAISON FORUM – 12th JULY 2010

Resolved that the invitation contained in a letter dated 11th June from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the Council to submit agenda items for the above meeting be noted.

27. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY – DRAFT ACTION PLAN 2011-2012

The above draft plan was received for consultation.

Resolved that consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Council and the Authority be requested to provide a copy of the plan for each member of the Council.

28. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Application for Financial Assistance - NSPCC and Childline

Resolved that consideration of the above application be deferred until the next meeting of the Council:

(b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that:

1. the following payment approved in accordance with Minute 23(f) above be noted:

No:			£
1457	Aon Ltd	Council's Insurance	£ 946.95

2. the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1460	Preserved Timber Products	Timber Rhiwfawr Park	356.74
1461	Payroll	Net salary May	212.11
1462	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	53.03

29. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Neath Port Talbot LDP

A letter dated 9th June 2010 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council inviting the submission of further Candidate Sites for inclusion in the plan. A Scoping Document on a Sustainability Appraisal was also received for consultation.

Resolved that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be requested to place an item on the agenda of the Liaison Forum to be held on the 12th July to enable representatives of Town and Community Councils to receive a presentation on the latest consultations on the Local Development Plan.

(b) Open Spaces within Communities

A letter dated 18th May 2010 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in which the Council was requested to help in a survey to assess the provision of open space and other community facilities within the Communities. An initial examination of the draft document revealed that there were errors in the assessment of provision in the community.

Resolved that the Clerk be authorised to complete the survey following consultation, if necessary, with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

(c) Planning Application - Proposed Amendment to the specification of the turning facility at Ochrywaun – App No: P2010/0480

Resolved that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be informed that the Council wishes to oppose the proposed amendment to the specification of the turning facility at Ochrywaun as it understands that the previous permission specified a tarmac surface, as such the Council is of the opinion that this requirement should be enforced and that the turning area should be constructed to normal highway standards:

30. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics – April Crime -0 Anti Social behaviour - 1
- Grit Bin displaced near the Rock, Rhiwfawr

Councillor C E Richards also reported on various issues, including the following:

- Rhiwfawr Primary School – Public meeting regarding proposed closure well attended and Committee formed;
- Bryn Road – Penrhiwfawr road issues– meeting with Adam Pearce of Celtic Energy 24th June 2010;
- Animal trespass fencing revised scheme to be submitted shortly;
- East Pit East Revised OCCS – proposed “biosolids” deposit
- Tennis/Basketball Courts Cwmllynfell – funding being sought for multi Purpose Games area;
- Celtic Energy – Impending verges grass cutting;
- Drain cover defects – Welsh Water approached;
- Heol y Coedcae – resurfacing;
- Heol y Goedlan, Rhiwfawr – Off road parking provision being investigated;
- Gwrhyd Quarry Planning Application – Highway issues being examined;
- Dulais Valley Bus Service – revised stop being pursued;
- Amman Valley Communities First Cross Boundary Initiative - disbanded

The meeting terminated at 7.50 pm.