

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JULY 2010 AT 6.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Evans (Vice-Chairman) presided  
**COUNCILLORS:** C Jones, D Lloyd, D C Phillips, D B Thomas and S Williams.  
**ATTENDING:** Councillor C E Richards, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

**31. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors R Evans, V B Fox M Harries and M Jones.

**32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

**33. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the following corrections in the list of members present:

Delete Councillors:  
V B Fox and M Harries

Add Councillors:  
M Evans, C Jones and D B Thomas

**34. MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Minute 23(c) – Cemetery**

**(i). Gates**

It was reported that the installation of the new gates and the refurbishment and refitting of the old gates had been completed.

Angharad Pearce Jones and Groundwork had suggested that an official opening should take place which should involve Cwmllynfell Primary School as pupils had participated in the design workshops

**Resolved** that:

1. the report be noted;
2. arrangements be made for an official opening during September.

**(ii). Cemetery Development**

The Clerk reported that he had submitted an application to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council under the Minor Projects Grant Scheme with a view to the Council being in a position to carry out a minor scheme to provide grave spaces in the new section of the cemetery.

An invitation had also been received at short notice for an application for a grant to be submitted under the Western Valleys Strategic Regeneration Area – Swansea Valley Area Regeneration Plan. An application had accordingly been submitted based on the scheme which had been drawn up some time ago with assistance from officers of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. In the event however the application had been deemed ineligible as it exceeded £200,000. A Swansea Valley Area Forum had been established to review the applications and the next meeting would be held in early September.

The Clerk had expressed his concerns over the lack of information and guidance on the programme and the rather chaotic approach to the whole process to Mr Chris Ashman, WAG Programme Director for the Western Valleys SRA. Mr Ashman had offered to meet the Council to discuss the programme. The Clerk suggested that for such a meeting to be beneficial it would be advisable for the Council to involve local organisations so that a coherent and comprehensive case could be made for the area to receive benefits from the programme.

**Resolved** that:

1. the action taken by the Clerk in submitting applications under the Minor Projects Grant Scheme and the Western Valleys SRA – Swansea Valley Area Plan be confirmed;
2. the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to attend the meeting of the Swansea Valley Area Forum in early September and Councillor D C Phillips be authorised to deputise in the event of the Chairman being unavailable;
3. arrangements be made for Mr Chris Ashman, Programme Director for the Western Valleys SRA to meet with the Council and appropriate organisations in the Community.

**(b) Minute 23(e) – Rhiwfawr Park – Rushlands and BMX Track**

**Resolved** that arrangements be made for an “official opening” of the Rushlands area and BMX track with a view to the formation of Volunteer Organisations to monitor and manage the facilities in conjunction with the Council.

**(c) Minute 27 - Mid and West Wales Fire And Rescue Authority – Draft Action Plan 2011-2012**

A copy of the plan having been provided to each member of the Council, consideration was given to submitting views to the Fire and Rescue Authority.

**Resolved** that the following comments be submitted to the Fire and Rescue Authority:

**“Delivering Home Fire Safety Checks**

Many properties in the Community of Cwmllynfell have been fitted with smoke alarms during HFSCs. The Council has however received reports that some alarms do not function correctly. This may possibly be due to the fact that some alarms did not have the longevity that current alarms have. Will the service therefore include in

its Action Plan for 2011-2012 a programme for revisiting properties that were provided with HFSCs to ensure that the advice that was given is being followed and to ensure that the equipment installed is functioning satisfactorily.

### **Safer Valleys Project**

Could the Authority confirm when the new Fire Station at Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen will be operational.”

#### **(d) Minute 29(a) - Neath Port Talbot LDP**

Consideration was given to the submission of further Candidate Sites and the submission of comments on the Sustainability Appraisal.

**Resolved** that details of the Candidate Sites in the community that have been submitted to date be submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

#### **(e) Minute 30 – Bus Services**

**Resolved** that a letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010 from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be noted, in which a notification was given that DANSA would be introducing a new Monday to Friday bus service Crynant to Derlwyn service with effect from the 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

### **35. LOCAL AUTHORITY BYELAWS IN WALES – CONSULTATION PAPER**

**Resolved** that the letter of consultation and accompanying document from the Welsh Assembly Government on proposed revised procedures for making byelaws be noted.

### **36. NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS**

**Resolved** that a letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 from One Voice Wales in connection with the above training programme be noted.

### **37. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT 2009/10**

**Resolved** that the above report be noted.

### **38. NEATH PORT TALBOT CVS – ANNUAL MEETING**

**Resolved** that the invitation received for the Council to be represented at the above annual meeting be noted.

### **39. FUNDING FOR BUMBLEBEE PROJECTS**

A letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council giving details of funding being offered to schools, businesses and community groups to provide bumblebee habitat and food sources.

**Resolved** that enquiries be made as to whether funding could be provided for the park at Rhiwfawr.

#### **40. PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WALES) MEASURE**

A letter was received from the National Assembly for Wales inviting written evidence to assist in the scrutiny of the above proposed measure.

**Resolved** that it be noted that One Voice Wales would be submitting evidence on the matter.

#### **41. CASUAL VACANCY – CWMLLYNFELL WARD**

A letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 was received from Councillor Mrs Linda Davies tendering her resignation as a member of the Council.

**Resolved** that:

1. the vacancy be advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972;
2. the Council's appreciation for her service as a Councillor and best wishes be conveyed to Mrs Davies.

#### **42. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **(a) Annual Governance Statement – Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

**Resolved** that the Summary Receipts and Payments Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 having been approved (Minute 164(a) of 21/04/2010 refers), the Council affirms its compliance with the matters listed in the Annual Governance Statement for 2009/10 and as such it be approved.

##### **(b) Banking**

**Resolved** that the High Interest Deposit Bond, which expires shortly, be reinvested for a period of six months.

##### **(c) Applications for Financial Assistance**

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance.

**Resolved** that;

1. grants in the following sum be made to the under-mentioned organisations and the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 incurs the expenditure which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

NSPCC – Childline	£50
Shelter Cymru	£50

2. the under-mentioned applicant be advised to make an application to the Community Chest fund (Sport Wales Initiative):

3. the following application be noted:

Marie Curie – “Blooming Great Tea Party”

**(d) Payment of Accounts**

**Resolved** that:

1. the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1463	NSPCC - Childline	Grant	50.00
1464	Shelter Cymru	Grant	50.00
1465	Cllr D Lloyd	Travelling expenses	15.53
1466	Groundwork	Rhiwfawr Park	546.73
1467	Ramblers Association	Subscription	40.50
1468	TRJ (Betws) Ltd	Cwmllynfell Cemetery	2261.64
1469	Payroll	Net salary June	212.11
1470	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	53.03

**43. PLANNING MATTERS**

**(a) Planning Application - Proposed restoration, quarry lateral extension and erection of new saw shed at Gwrhyd specialist Stone Quarry - P2010/0026**

**Resolved** that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be informed that the Council wishes to reiterate its observations and comment further in respect of the above application as follows:

1. The Council is of the view that every effort should be made to secure an alternative form of access by forming a link with the private roadway that provides access to Cwm nant lleici;
2. If this is not possible then all possible improvements to Bryn Road, Coedffaldau the Rock and the Gwrhyd should be explored and stipulated in any permission that is granted or by agreement with the applicants;
3. If the route referred to in 2 above continues to be used the company should be asked to provide an escort vehicle to precede journeys made by heavy vehicles to and from the quarry, including vehicles transporting heavy plant to the quarry;
4. The company should be requested to refrain from making journeys to coincide with school travel times;
5. The company should be asked to establish a Liaison Committee in relation to the site.

**(b) Powys County Council – Local Development Plan Delivery Agreement**

**Resolved** that the invitation received from Powys County Council for comments to be submitted on the above matter be noted.

#### **44. DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS – AUGUST RECESS**

**Resolved** that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, acting together, or in the event of their being unavailable any other two Members of the Council, acting together, be authorised to discharge the functions of the Council in respect of any matter referred to them by the Clerk of the Council as requiring urgent attention before the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

#### **45. REPORTS**

The following matters were reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics – May            Crime -2            Anti Social behaviour - 5
- Gwernant – damaged wall
- Coedffaldau – defective drainage
- Land at rear of Gwilym Road – defective drainage

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

- Proposed parking restrictions Gwilym Road near junction with Railway Terrace
- Animal trespass fencing – application to Welsh Assembly Government imminent
- Drainage – rear of Heol y Coedcae
- Drainage – Bryn Road
- Rhiwfawr Primary School – Consultation on proposed closure
- East Pit East Revised Opencast Coal Site – Community funds

**Resolved** that in the event of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council consulting on the proposed closure of Rhiwfawr school during the August recess, the Clerk be authorised prepare a response in accordance with the delegated powers granted in Minute 45 above.

The meeting terminated at 8.25 pm.