

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RHIWFAWR HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 6.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillor M Jones (Chairman) presided
COUNCILLORS: M Evans, R Evans, V B Fox, C Jones, D Lloyd, D C Phillips and
D B Thomas.

46. APOLOGIES

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillor S Williams and Councillor C E Richards (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council).

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

48. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 21st July 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

49. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 34(a) (i) – Cemetery Gates

It was reported that arrangements had been agreed with Cwmllynfell School, Groundwork and Angharad Pearce Jones for an event to be held at the Cemetery on Wednesday the 29th September 2010 to celebrate the installation of the gates. An invitation would also be extended to the other contractors who had been involved in the scheme.

A draft press release that had been prepared jointly with Groundwork was also considered.

Resolved that:

1. the arrangements for the event on the 29th September be approved;
2. the press release as amended be approved.

(b) Minute 34(a) (ii) - Cemetery Development

It was reported that the Council's application to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council would be considered on the 23rd September. The Chairman and the Clerk had attended the meeting of the Swansea Valley Forum on the 9th September when progress on determining applications under the Western Valleys SRA had been discussed. Subsequently, a letter dated 13th September had been received from the Director of the Western Valleys Programme to indicate that the Council's application had not been successful, as the project did not satisfy the needs identified by the Swansea Valley Area based planning process.

Resolved that the situation be noted and that other avenues of grant assistance for the development of the cemetery be pursued.

(c) Minutes 34(b) & 39 - Funding for Bumblebee Project – Rhiwfawr Park

The Clerk reported that he had met with an Officer from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to discuss the possibility of an area of land at Rhiwfawr Park being converted into a wildflower meadow to increase the biodiversity value of the park and provide a habitat for bumblebees. An area of land in the corner of the park had been identified as suitable. It was unlikely that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council would have funding available during the current financial year but if the Council was interested in participating in the scheme, the project could be included in a waiting list for funding in 2011/12. If approved, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council would provide advice and guidance on sowing/maintaining, and supply wildflower seed, equipment and manpower for the initial turf stripping.

Resolved that the offer received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for inclusion in a waiting list for funding in 2011/12 be accepted and the project be explored further in conjunction with encouraging volunteer participation in the management of the park and its facilities.

(d) Minute 34(c) - Mid and West Wales Fire And Rescue Authority – Draft Action Plan 2011-2012

The response that had been received from the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service to the Council's observations on the above plan had been circulated. The Fire and Rescue Service was prepared to replace any fire alarms that were problematical and carry out a follow up Home Safety Check. If there was sufficient demand in the area they would also consider arranging a community day with the Safety Awareness Unit in attendance.

Resolved that members be encouraged to publicise the availability of the follow up Home Safety Check.

(e) Minute 34(d) - Neath Port Talbot LDP

Resolved that the plans showing the Candidate Sites which had been submitted previously and during the latest review be noted.

(f) Minute 40 - Proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure

Resolved that a letter received from the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government confirming that the above measure had been introduced into the National Assembly on the 12th July and drawing attention to the main provisions which relate to town and community councils be noted.

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

Amended plans were received in respect of the above-mentioned planning application. It was understood that the application would be considered by the Planning Committee of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council on the 21st

September 2010 and that conditions would be imposed in respect of a financial contribution towards highway improvements.

Resolved that the matter be noted and the observations already submitted be reaffirmed.

50. “NO NEED FOR NUCLEAR” CAMPAIGN – EARLY DAY MOTION

Resolved that the invitation to support the early day motion being proposed on behalf of the above campaign, be noted

51. ONE VOICE WALES – NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Resolved that:

1. the letter dated 18th August 2010 from One Voice Wales announcing the appointment of Mr Lyn Cadwallader as Chief Executive, be noted;
2. the letter dated 8th September 2010 from Mr Cadwallader be also noted and he be invited to a future meeting of the Council.

52. CASUAL VACANCY – CWMLLYNFELL WARD

A letter dated 21st July 2010 was received from Mr Martin Harries tendering his 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 Mr Harries;
3. consideration be given to the appointment of a Governor of Cwmllynfell Primary School to replace Mr Harries at the next meeting.

53. REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS – FINAL PROPOSALS – COUNTY BOROUGH OF NEATH PORT TALBOT

The Local Government Boundary Commission's Final proposals for the Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot were received. The Commission had abandoned its draft proposals in respect of the Cwmllynfell Electoral Division but instead had proposed joining Cwmllynfell and Ystalyfera to form one Electoral Division having two Councillors.

Resolved that the proposals in respect of the Cwmllynfell Electoral Division contained in the review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot be opposed, urging that the status quo be maintained.

54. LAW OF PROPERTY ACT 1925 – SECTION 194 – AWEL AMAN TAWE – CEFN GWRHYD COMMON

Resolved that the notice received in respect of the above application made to the Welsh Assembly Government be noted.

55. LICENSING ACT 2003 – DRAFT STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

Resolved that the invitation to comment on the above policy received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be noted.

56. LAW OF PROPERTY ACT 1925 – SECTION 194 – NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL – STOCKPROOF FENCE AT BRYN ROAD AND RHIW ROAD – PENLLE'RFEDWEN AND MYNYDD UCHAF COMMON

Note: Councillor V B Fox declared his personal interest in this matter and withdrew from discussion thereon

A letter dated 20th August 2010 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council giving notice that an application had been made to the Welsh Assembly Government in respect of the above matter.

Resolved that the Council's support for application be reaffirmed.

57. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Disability Wales

Resolved that the invitation for the Council to become members of the above association be noted.

(b) Christmas Lights 2010

Resolved that:

1. the quotation received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for erecting, maintaining and removing the Christmas Lights, in the sum of £1,380.18 plus VAT be accepted;
2. Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be requested to quote for supplying two 12' trees or alternatively erecting trees sourced by the Council.

(c) Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance.

Resolved that;

1. grants in the following sums be made to the under-mentioned organisations:

Cwmllynfell and District Bowls Club	£400
Cwmllynfell Rugby Football Club	£500

2. a grant in the following sum be made to the under-mentioned organisation 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:

Ystradowen Residents' Association (Bonfire Night) £150

(d) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that:

1. the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1471	Cwmllynfell & Dist Bowls Club	Grant	400.00
1472	Cwmllynfell Rugby Football Club	Grant	500.00
1473	Ystradowen Residents' Assoc	Grant	150.00
1474	Short Mat Bowls Club, Cwmllynfell	Grant	150.00
1475	The Consortium	Stationery	60.53
1476	Neath Port Talbot CVS	Subscription	10.00
1477	Mr A Pedrick	Internal Audit	60.00
1478	Payroll	Net salary July & August	424.22
1479	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	106.06

58. CASUAL VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR – CWMLLYNFELL WARD

Further to Minute 41 of the last meeting, a letter dated 20th August 2010 was received from the Returning Officer, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council indicating that as he had not received a request for an election to be held the Council could co-opt a person to fill the vacancy.

Resolved that Mrs M C Jones of 34 Penybryn, Cwmllynfell be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

59. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics – June Crime - 2 Anti Social Behaviour - 4
July Crime – 1 Anti Social Behaviour - 3
- PACT Meeting Report – 12th August 2010
- South Wales Police – Press release – Distraction Burglaries
- East Pit East revised Opencast Coal Site – Reports of Blasting vibrations
- Sunken Inspection Chambers, Rhiw Road
- Street Light, Gwernant – Exposed Wiring at base
- Flooding – Railway Terrace

The meeting terminated at 8.40pm.