

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2010 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

60. COUNCILLOR Mrs M CAROLE JONES – CWMLLYNFELL WARD

The Chairman welcomed Councillor M Carole Jones to her first meeting following her co-option and completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking to comply with the Code of Conduct.

61. APOLOGIES

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors D Lloyd and S Williams.

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M C Jones declared her interest in Agenda Item 6(a) – application for Financial Assistance – Cwmllynfell Chapel and Councillors V B Fox, D C Phillips and D B Thomas declared their interest in Agenda Item 7(a) – Planning Application – Awel Aman Tawe.

63. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 15th September 2010, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

64. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 49(b) - Cemetery Development

It was reported that the Council's application to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council under the Minor Projects Grant Scheme had been approved which meant that a grant of £14,000 would be received on expenditure of £20,000. The Clerk suggested that it would be prudent to seek other grants so as to maximise the benefit that could be achieved from the Minor Projects Grant with a view to commencing work at the cemetery in early spring.

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

(b) Minute 49(g) - Planning Application - Proposed restoration, quarry lateral extension and erection of new saw shed at Gwrhyd specialist Stone Quarry - P2010/0026

It was reported that the County Borough Council's Planning Committee had resolved to grant the above planning application subject to the developer first entering into an agreement to contribute £27,500 towards improvements to the highway from the quarry entrance to Bryn Road. The contribution could not be used to rectify

drainage problems but would be utilised to improve the nature and capacity of the highway.

Resolved that the information be noted.

(c) Minute 52 – Appointment of Governor – Cwmllynfell Primary School

Resolved that Councillor Mrs M C Jones be appointed to represent the Council on the governing body of Cwmllynfell Primary School for the remainder of the current term of office expiring in May 2012.

(d) Minute 53 - Review of Electoral Arrangements – Final Proposals – County Borough of Neath Port Talbot

It was reported that the Council's objection to the proposals affecting the community had been submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government. Confirmation had also been received that comments which were in accord with the Council's views had been submitted by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, the Rt Hon Peter Hain MP and Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM.

Resolved that the information be noted.

(e) Minute 57(b) - Christmas Lights 2010

It was reported that a quotation in the sum of £694.06 had been received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the supply, erection and removal of two 14ft trees for Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr. A quotation of £890.72 had also been received from the Borough Council for the additional cost of dressing the Christmas tree at Cwmllynfell. A saving of £69.96 could be made if the Council did not require a dedicated "lighting-up" event.

Councillor C E Richards reported on his discussions with Celtic Energy and the Gwrhyd Quarry and indicated that both companies had offered to provide Christmas trees for the above-mentioned locations.

Resolved that:

1. the offer received from Celtic Energy Ltd and the Gwrhyd Quarry to provide Christmas trees be gratefully accepted;
2. the quotation received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in the additional sum of £820.76 plus VAT (£890.72-£69.96) for dressing the Christmas tree at Cwmllynfell with lights be accepted;

65. RoSPA – PLAY AREA SAFETY INSPECTION

The annual safety inspection report in respect of the park at Rhiwfawr was received from RoSPA. The report had identified some issues which required attention but they were mainly of a low risk. The only item that had been classified as medium risk was concerning a wall which had been classified as an obstacle on the BMX track. The wall had however been adjusted on a previous occasion in accordance with the recommendation of RoSPA so as to reduce the risk. The checklist, for use

in regular inspections, which the Council had asked RoSPA to prepare, would be received in due course.

Resolved that the report be noted and the checklist awaited.

66. WESTERN VALLEYS SRA – SWANSEA VALLEY VARP

A communication was received from the Regeneration Manager of the Department for Environment, Sustainability and Housing of the Welsh Assembly Government in which it was indicated that an application had been received for an additional project to create an outdoor play facility for children and young people in the Glanrhyd area of Ystradgynlais. As the proposal had not been included on the projects list discussed by the Swansea Valley Forum, the opportunity to comment was being offered.

Resolved that no objection be raised to the proposal.

67. COMMUNITY PLAN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL SEMINAR

A notification was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council that the above seminar would be held at Port Talbot on the 8th December 2010.

Resolved that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to attend.

68. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance.

Resolved that;

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

Rhiwfawr Primary School – Urdd Subscription £84

2. grants in the following sums 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:

Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales	£50
Wales Air Ambulance	£200

Note: Councillor Mrs M C Jones having declared her interest withdrew from the meeting whilst the following application was considered:

3. in principle, assistance be provided in respect of the following application but it be examine whether there is a more economical way to help the Chapel than to provide a grant:

Cwmllynfell Independent Chapel – Grass Cutting

4. the following applications be not entertained:

West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Ltd
Victim Support Cymru

(b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that:

1. the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1480	Bobath Cymru	Grant	50.00
1481	Rhiwfawr Primary School	Grant – Urdd Subscription	84.00
1482	Wales Air Ambulance	Grant	200.00
1483	Aon Ltd	Insurance – increased cover	53.70
1484	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Hire of commercial bin	49.33
1485	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA Playground inspection	74.03
1486	Society of Local Council Clerks	Subscription	82.00
1487	Cllr D C Phillips	Travelling Expenses	20.04
1488	Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal - Wreath	16.50
1489	Payroll	Net salary September	212.11
1490	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	53.03

(c) Cemetery Registers

The Clerk reported that the condition of the cemetery register was deteriorating as it had been in use since the inception of the cemetery. It was suggested therefore that new registers be acquired. Suitable registers, comprising a Register of Grave Spaces and a Register of Burials could be purchased from Shaw and Sons for £149.44 each.

Resolved that the abovementioned registers be purchased.

69. PLANNING MATTERS

Note: Councillors V B Fox, D C Phillips and D B Thomas who had declared their personal interest in the following matter withdrew from the meeting whilst it was being considered.

Resolved that no objection be raised to the following application:

App No:

P2010/0921 Erection of an anemometry mast up to 60m in height for a temporary period of 18 months on land at Mynydd Gwrhyd

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

Further to Minute 52 of the last meeting, a letter dated 14th October 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 Mr J C Rees of 40 Gwilym Road, Cwmllynfell be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

71. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics – August Crime - 2 Anti Social Behaviour - 1
- South Wales Police/Keep Wales Tidy – Community Clearance day 29th October 2010
- Sunken Inspection Chambers, Rhiwfawr
- Flooding – Railway Terrace
- Footpath, Old Cemetery, Cwmllynfell
- Watcyn Wyn Memorial

Councillor C E Richards also reported on the following matters:

- Heol y Coedcae, resurfacing
- Proposed closure of Rhiwfawr School – formal consultation
- Car park, Gwilym Road – request for fencing in lieu of rent
- Doctors' surgery – use of Bryn Social Club Car park permitted
- Animal Trespass Fencing extension submitted to National Assembly
- Celtic Energy – grass cutting
- East Pit East Revised OCCS – Liaison Committee

Resolved that:

1. enquiries be made of Groundwork with regard to the possibility of carrying out a scheme to improve the area in which the old cemetery is located;
2. Cadw be approached with regard to the Watcyn Wyn Memorial

The meeting terminated at 7.45pm.