

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RHIWFAWR HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2010 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

ATTENDING: Councillor C E Richards, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

72. COUNCILLOR JOHN C REES – CWMLLYNFELL WARD

The Chairman welcomed Councillor J C Rees to his first meeting following his co-option and completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking to comply with the Code of Conduct.

73. APOLOGIES

Apologies for his absence were received from Councillor C Jones.

74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

75. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 20th October 2010, be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of a note stating that Councillor C E Richards (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) was attending the meeting.

76. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 64(a) & 66 - Cemetery Development

It was reported that Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM had written in support of the Council's application for financial assistance from the Western Valleys SRA towards the first phase of the development of the cemetery.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

(b) Minute 65 - RoSPA – Play Area Safety Inspection – Rhiwfawr Park

It was reported that the checklist had been received from RoSPA and Councillor Ruth Evans had agreed to carry out the weekly inspection. It would however be necessary for another Member to carry out the check if Councillor Evans was unavailable.

Resolved that the information be noted and Councillor Evans thanked for agreeing to carry out the weekly inspection.

(c) Minute 68(a) - Application for Financial Assistance – Cwmllynfell Independent Chapel – Grass Cutting

The Clerk reported that he had met with an officer of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and that a quotation for extending the Council's grass cutting contract should be received by the next meeting.

Resolved that the information be noted.

(d) Minute 71 – Footpath etc Old Cemetery, Cwmllynfell

The Clerk reported that he had enquired of Groundwork whether they would be prepared to carry out a scheme to improve the condition of the old cemetery and improve access. A response had been received that the matter would be considered when the new CoRE project commenced in March 2010.

Councillor C E Richards also reported that he had raised the condition of the footpath with officers of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

Resolved that the situation be noted.

77. STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – YGGD RHIWFAWR & YGGD CWMLLYNFELL

A Consultation document had been received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and circulated to members of the Council. The document gave details of the background and the proposed measures whereby YGGD Rhiwfawr would be closed and provision made for pupils to transfer to YGGD Cwmllynfell.

It was reported that meetings had been held this week at Rhiwfawr and Cwmllynfell when representatives of the Education Department had met with Governors, Staff, Parents and the Local Community to discuss the proposal.

A discussion ensued on the decimating effect that the closure of Rhiwfawr School would have on the village.

Resolved that a strong objection be sent to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in response to the Consultation Document emphasising the social and economic implications of closing Rhiwfawr School.

78. COUNCIL'S CAR PARK, RHIWFAWR – ALLEGED DAMAGE TO CAR

A letter dated 1st November 2010 was received from S Morris 99 Rhiw Road, Rhiwfawr, claiming for the damage to her car allegedly caused by a notice board at the above-mentioned car park falling against her car. The matter had been investigated and it appears that the notice board referred to was the information board that the Aman Loughor Heritage Walks Association had erected with the permission of the Council. The information board had been removed by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and placed in storage. They had also been requested to provide a quotation for re-erecting the information board

Resolved that:

1. the claim be referred to the Council's Insurers;

2. the quotation by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for re-erecting the information board be awaited.

79. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY – ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2011-2012

Resolved that the above plan received from the Fire and Rescue Authority be noted.

80. PLANNING TRAINING WORKSHOPS

Resolved that the invitation received for the Council to participate in a Planning Training Workshop organised by Planning Aid Wales in conjunction with One Voice Wales, be noted.

81. BIODIVERSITY TRAINING DAY

Resolved that the invitation received for the Council to participate in the above training day be noted.

82. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Audit of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010 – Annual Report

A letter dated 3rd November 2010 was received from Mazars LLP, the Council's Auditors indicating that it was their intention to issue an unqualified certificate and opinion in respect of the Council's Annual Return as there were no matters which they wished to draw to the attention of the Council and they had not identified any misstatements.

It would be necessary therefore for the Annual Return to be re-certified, re-approved and re-signed on behalf of the Council in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended).

Resolved that the Annual Return be re-certified, re-approved and re-signed in accordance with the above regulations and returned to the Auditors for the certificate and Opinion to be completed.

(b) Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance.

Resolved that;

1. it be noted that Cwmllynfell Hall was seeking a grant of £6,800 towards the following costs and as such the matter be considered further when the Council sets its budget for 2011/2012:

	£
Assistance towards wages of Manager's Assistant and Cleaner	2,000
Maintenance and Utility costs	2,500
Running four play schemes	1,800
Replacing fire door	1,000

- consideration of the following application be deferred until the next financial year and the organisation be requested to provide details of the number of persons from the community that utilise the service annually and also provide details of their income:

Powys Citizens' Advice Bureau, Ystradgynlais

- the following application be not entertained:

Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

(c) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that:

- the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1491	Playsafety Ltd (RoSPA)	Checklist Rhiwfawr	29.38
1492	Payroll	Net salary October	212.11
1490	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	53.03

83. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan

Resolved that the letter dated 27th October 2010 from Carmarthenshire County Council giving notification of the revision to the Delivery Agreement timetable for the plan together with the notice of additional LDP Topic Papers, be noted.

(b) Proposed Amendment to the Specification of The Turning Facility At Ochr Y Waun (p2010/0480)

Resolved that it be noted that the above development had been completed in accordance with the planning permission and surfaced with macadam to the satisfaction of the highway officers and that as such the application for amending the specification had been withdrawn.

84. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics – September Crime - 3 Anti Social Behaviour - 2
- South Wales Police/Keep Wales Tidy – Community Clearance day 29th October 2010 260 tyre and 8 tonnes of rubbish removed;
- Flooding – Railway Terrace – temporary work undertaken;
- Lewis Avenue – Indiscriminate dumping;
- NPTCBC land at Heol Daniel – possible sale;
- Tree felling at Penybryn by Celtic Energy;
- Surface Water drains, Bryn Road;
- Sunken Inspection Chamber, Heol y Goedlan, Rhiwfawr.

Councillor C E Richards also reported on the following matters:

- Christmas Trees supplied by Marshalls and installed by Mr Paul Fox;
- Heol y Coedcae, surfacing;
- NPTCBC – Submission of proposed minor works schedule;

- Condition of land between the car park and the cemetery at Heol Gwilym;
- Condition of land adjoining Is y Bryniau;

Resolved that:

1. the proposed technical measures suggested by the PCSO to dissuade indiscriminate dumping at the Gwrhyd be supported and it be agreed that the Council will meet the cost of £51.90;
2. the Council's appreciation for donating Christmas trees for Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr be conveyed to Marshalls, Gwrhyd Quarry and to Mr Paul Fox for erecting the trees, free of charge.

The meeting terminated at 7.47pm.