

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER 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 and D B Thomas

85. APOLOGIES

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

86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

87. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 17th November 2010, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

88. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 76(a) - Cemetery Development

It was reported that an application had been submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government for a grant from the Aggregates Levy Fund for Wales. Discussions with officers of the Department for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing had revealed that it was unlikely that the total cost of the project would be grant aided and as such the application had been drawn up according to the Council's main priority to develop the new extension and carry out associated work. Alternative sources of grant would also be pursued.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

(b) Minute 76(c) - Application for Financial Assistance – Cwmllynfell Independent Chapel – Grass Cutting

A quotation was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in the sum of £392.48 for cutting the grass within the chapel grounds on four occasions during the coming season.

Resolved that quotation be accepted and Cwmllynfell Independent Chapel be informed accordingly.

(c) Minute 77 - Strategic School Improvement Programme – Consultation Document – YGGD Rhiwfawr & YGGD Cwmllynfell

A letter dated 9th December 2010 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in which it was stated that the Council's Cabinet had considered all the views expressed during the formal consultation and had decided to continue with the proposal to the next stage, which was the publication of the

statutory notice. The closing date for submitting observations would be the 14th February 2011.

Resolved that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Council in January 2011

(d) Minute 82(a) - Audit of Accounts For The Year Ended 31st March 2010 – Annual Report

The Council's Annual Return containing the External Auditor's Certificate and Opinion dated 1st December 2010 was received. It was confirmed that the information contained in the annual return prepared by the Council was in accordance with the Auditor General for Wales' requirements. No matters had come to their attention which had given cause for concern and as such it was confirmed that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had been met.

Resolved that:

1. the matter be noted;
2. a Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return be published.
3. in the event of a request being received for a copy of the Annual Return a charge of £2 be made.

(e) Minute 84 – Gwrhyd Mountain – Proposed Measures To Dissuade Indiscriminate Dumping

It was reported that PCSO R. Thomas had indicated that South Wales Police were unable to purchase the technical items referred to but he was prepared to acquire the items on the Council's behalf and to obtain reimbursement from the Council.

Resolved that the suggested arrangements be accepted.

89. REVIEWS OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

A copy of a written statement made by the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government on the 8th December 2010 was received. The Minister indicated that as the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales had fallen considerably behind schedule he would not be making any orders in respect of the boundary reviews to take effect for the 2012 elections. He also indicated that he had concerns about the consistency of the reports which had been issued to date and he had instructed his officials to establish an independent review to identify why these failures had occurred and identify actions that could be taken to ensure that the programme could be delivered efficiently and to a high standard in time for the 2016 elections.

Resolved that:

1. the statement issued by the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government be welcomed;

2. the Council's appreciation of the action which he has taken be conveyed to the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government and the Council's concerns over the proposals which the Local Government Boundary Commission had proposed for the Cwmllynfell Electoral Division be reiterated.

90. DRAFT HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2011 - 2014

A letter dated 15th November 2010 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council together with a summary of the above strategy. Comments were invited by the 26th January 2011.

Resolved that consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

91. MILLENNIUM VOLUNTEERING PROGRAMME

Resolved that the details of the above programme received from the Neath Port Talbot Council for Voluntary Service, be noted.

92. DRAFT SUITE OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES 2011-2012

The above consultation document was received from the Welsh Assembly Government, upon which comments were invited by the 21st January 2011.

Resolved the following comments be submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government:

- i. The Council has reservations with regard to the proposed new and revised performance indicators as it is difficult for communities and interested parties to assess the effectiveness of the indicators in measuring the standard of service delivery to individual communities, particularly as the proposed indicators seem to be heavily based on measuring outcomes;
- ii. It is also concerning that there are recommendations for local performance indicators to include local response time criteria, which suggests that less than ideal standards could be set in remote communities such as Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr.

93. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance.

Resolved that;

1. consideration of the following applications be deferred until the next meeting of the Council at which the Clerk's report on the review of the budget for the current year and the setting of the budget for the next financial year will received:

British Heart Foundation

Macmillan Cancer Support

Cwmllynfell & Rhiwfawr OAP Association - Samuels Hall.

(b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following accounts be paid:

| No | | | £ |
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| 1494 | Mazars LLP | Audit Fee | 334.88 |
| 1495 | Payroll | Net salary October | 212.11 |
| 1496 | Inland Revenue | Income Tax | 53.03 |

94. PLANNING APPLICATION

Note: Councillors M Jones, D Lloyd, J C Rees and D B Thomas declared their personal interest in the following application and withdrew from the meeting whilst it was being considered.

Resolved that in the absence of the Chairman that Councillor D C Phillips be appointed to preside.

Councillor D C Phillips presiding

Resolved that no objection be raised to the following application:

App No:
P2010/0509 Outline Application for Residential Dwelling and new vehicular access to existing Club Car Park at Bryn Social Club;

Councillor M Jones (Chairman) presiding

95. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics –October Crime - 2 Anti Social Behaviour - 4
- Gritting efforts by Councillors J C Rees and D B Thomas commended
- Community Plan Partnership Annual Seminar report by Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The meeting terminated at 8.00pm.