

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

**96. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors R Evans, V B Fox and D C Phillips.

**97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs M C Jones declared her personal interest in Agenda Item 6(b) – Application for Financial Assistance – Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr OAP Association – Samuels Hall.

**98. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**99. MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Minute 88(a) – Western Valleys SRA - Cemetery Development**

The Clerk reported that representations had continued to be made in respect of the application for part funding that had been made under the Western Valleys SRA. After corresponding on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December and the 17<sup>th</sup> January a response was received today from Mr Christopher Ashman, the Programme Director for the Western Valleys Regeneration Division. Unfortunately the response that had been received was that the project did not attract sufficient weight of priority for recommendation of approval to the Deputy Minister. The Programme Director indicated however that he would welcome the opportunity to meet the Council.

Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM had continued to make representations in support of the Council's application but she had similarly failed to elicit a response.

**Resolved** that efforts be made to convene a meeting at which Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM and Mr Christopher Ashman can be present to discuss how the community may benefit from the Western Valleys SRA.

**(b) Minute 88(c) - Strategic School Improvement Programme – Consultation Document – YGGD Rhiwfawr & YGGD Cwmllynfell**

A letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010 had been 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 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

**Resolved** that the Council's objection to the proposals affecting YGGD Cwmllynfell and the closure of YGGD Rhiwfawr be reaffirmed and further representations be made to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

**(c) Minute 90 – Draft Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Strategy 2011 – 2014**

The above draft strategy prepared by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council was considered.

**Resolved** that the following comments be submitted to the County Borough Council:

“The Council is broadly supportive of the key priorities for improving health which are contained in the strategy but the Council wishes to remind the partners to the plan that General Practitioner provision in Cwmllynfell has undergone a disruptive transition in recent years and that the Surgery continues to be held in the premises of the former GP. The area and the patients in particular would benefit from the provision of modern health centre facilities. As such the agencies concerned are requested to examine the possibility of providing such facilities either separately or attached to other public facilities in the community”.

**100. THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – “GREAT POPPY PARTY WEEKEND” 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011**

A letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 was received from the Royal British Legion inviting the Council to participate in the above event to celebrate the Royal British Legion's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Resolved** that enquiries be made of the local Royal British Legion Branch as to whether a local event is planned.

**101. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL/COMMUNITY COUNCILS LIAISON FORUM 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

**Resolved** that the invitation received for the Council to submit agenda items for the above meeting, be noted.

**102. LOCAL AUTHORITY BUDGET BRIEFING FOR THE THIRD SECTOR**

**Resolved** that the invitation received from Neath Port Talbot CVS for the Council to be represented at a briefing on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 be noted.

**103. SOUTH WALES POLICE AUTHORITY PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**Resolved** that the invitation received from the South Wales Police Authority for the Council to be represented at a public meeting about the effect of budget cuts be noted.

**104. BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011**

**Resolved** that the notification received from One Voice Wales of the opportunity to nominate the Chairman to be selected to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, be noted.

#### **105. BUMBLEBEE PROJECT – RHIWFAWR PARK**

A communication was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council indicating that funding had been secured for the above project which would involve the creation of a wildflower meadow on part of the park at Rhiwfawr. It was envisaged that the preparatory groundwork would take place at the end of February.

**Resolved** that the matter be noted.

#### **106. GROUNDWORK BRIDGEND AND NEATH PORT TALBOT – 21<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY REVIEW**

**Resolved** that the document containing a review of Groundwork's achievements during the last 21 years be noted.

#### **107. APPROPRIATE SUM UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

A letter was received from the Welsh Assembly Government in which notification was given that for the financial year 2011-12 the discretionary expenditure limit for the purposes of section 137 would be increased to £6.43 per local government elector.

**Resolved** that the matter be noted.

#### **108. BORROWING BY COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS IN 2010-11**

A letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011 was received from the Welsh Assembly Government inviting applications for loan sanction for the next financial year.

**Resolved** that the letter be noted.

#### **109. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **(a) Cemetery Charges 2011-12**

**Resolved** that the following cemetery charges be implemented with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011:

Details	Charges from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2011	
	Resident of Community	Non-resident
Purchase of New Grave including first interment	£260.00	£520.00
Re-opening of Grave or first interment after earlier purchase	£105.00	£210.00
Burial of ashes in grave already purchased	£55.00	£110.00
Scattering of Ashes on existing purchased grave	£30.00	£60.00
Installing Monument	£55.00	£110.00
Purchase of new grave space	£155.00	£310.00

## **(b) Budget 2011/12**

The Clerk submitted his report on the review of the budget for the current financial year and the draft budget for 2011/12. Particular reference was made to the standing commitments such as grounds maintenance and the tendency to increase spending on grants year on year. Cwmllynfell Hall had requested the Council to increase its grant again during the coming year. The report also referred to the proposal to extend and improve the cemetery.

Three alternative draft budgets were presented for the Council's consideration so that the effect which various levels of expenditure would have on the precept could be assessed. A restrained approach to the budget would result in expenditure for the next financial year amounting to £31,991.35, consisting of £25,991.35 (revenue) and £6,000.00 (capital). The capital expenditure represented a 30% contribution by the Council towards expenditure of £20,000 on the cemetery. The remaining £14,000 would be met by a grant which Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council had approved. Other sources of grant were also being pursued to enable a more comprehensive scheme to be carried out to extend and improve the cemetery.

The restrained budget was summarised as follows:

<b>Expenditure Summary 2011/12</b>		
	<b><u>Revenue</u></b>	<b>£</b>
Cemetery		2,872.00
Parks and Open Spaces		4,938.00
General Administration		2,336.50
Payroll and Expenses		4,032.00
Grants Halls		7,500.00
Grants other		1,900.00
Highways Paths, seats etc		50.00
Contingency		2,362.85
Total Revenue Expenditure	<u>25,991.35</u>	<u>25,991.35</u>
	<b><u>Capital</u></b>	
Cemetery		6,000.00
Total Capital Expenditure	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
<b>Grand total expenditure</b>		<u><b>£31,991.35</b></u>

Estimated miscellaneous income, for 2011/12, including bank interest, amounted to £1,805.00 leaving net expenditure of £28,113.60 to be met from balances and the precept. The anticipated reserve at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 which would be carried forward into 2011-12 was estimated at £55,253.24. A notification had been received from the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council that the Council Tax Base for the community for 2010/11 would be 364.82.

**Resolved** that:

1. the Budget for 2010/10 showing total expenditure of £31,991.35, consisting of £25,991.35 (Revenue) and £6,000.00 (Capital) be approved;

2. a precept of £23,000 be made upon the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the financial year 2011/12, which together with estimated miscellaneous income of £1,805.00 would leave £7,186.35 to be met from balances;
3. the following categories of investments be undertaken in 2011/12:
  - (i). deposits be made in a High Interest Deposit Bond (or similar) to a maximum of £45,000 for 6 months duration on each occasion, the timing to be reviewed according to Market Conditions;
  - (ii). deposits be made in a Business Money Manager Account (or similar) of all sums in excess of the working balance in the Council's Treasurer Account (normally £4,000 - £10,000) with the maximum figure reviewed at each renewal of the High Interest Deposit Bond and as necessary to take account of the cash flow requirements.

**(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 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:

Note: Councillors D Lloyd and M C Jones having declared their personal interest withdrew from the meeting whilst this matter was considered.

Cwmllynfell & Rhiwfawr OAP Association - Samuels Hall	£200
Cwmllynfell Primary School – English Language Scheme	£125

2. consideration of the following applications be deferred until the next financial year:

British Heart Foundation – Scanning Machine for Morriston Hospital  
Macmillan Cancer Support

**(d) Payment of Accounts**

**Resolved** that the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1497	Cllr D Lloyd	Travelling Expenses	17.53
1498	Cllr M Evans	Travelling Expenses	20.54
1499	Mrs C Phillips	Honorarium - Cemetery	150.00
1500	E P Lloyd Jones	Travelling 2010	137.03
		Postages 2010	109.81
		Stationery 2010	59.98
		Telephone 2010	108.00
1501	Payroll	Additional hours 2010 – net salary	298.90
1502	Inland Revenue	Income Tax re: 1501	74.73
1503	Payroll	Net salary December	212.11
1504	Inland Revenue	Income Tax re: 1503	53.03
1505	Cwmllynfell & Rhiwfawr OAP	Grant	200.00
1506	Cwmllynfell Primary School	Grant	125.00

## **110. PLANNING APPLICATION**

**Resolved** that the following application for a lawful development certificate be noted:

App No:  
P2010/1225 Proposed construction of two wind turbines with hub height of 64 metres and tip height of 99.5 metres at Mynydd y Gwrhyd

## **111. REPORTS**

The following matters were reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics –November Crime - 2 Anti Social Behaviour – 2;
- Cattle grid at Bryn Road requires painting;
- Footbridge near Lewis Avenue – defective rail;
- Cycle track – Cwmllynfell – Rhosamman.

Councillor C E Richards also reported on the following matters:

- Proposed parking restrictions – junction of Railway Terrace;
- Animal trespass fencing;
- Pedestrian Crossing at Cwmllynfell – proposed upgrade;
- Fire station Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen – Fire Authority including in budget for 2011-12;
- Schools – proposed cross border arrangement with Powys County Council;
- Rhiwfawr Hall – arranging funding advice;
- Celtic Energy – transfer of ownership.

The meeting terminated at 8.15pm.