

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON WEDNESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2011 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, J C Rees and D B Thomas.
- ATTENDING:** Councillor C E Richards - Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

112. APOLOGIES

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors M C Jones and S Williams.

113. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

114. MINUTES

Resolved that:

1. the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 19th January 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record;
2. the Minutes of the meeting with Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM and Mr Christopher Ashman (Welsh Assembly Government) regarding the Western Valleys Strategic Regeneration Area, held on the 7th February 2011, be noted.

115. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 99(a) – Western Valleys Strategic Regeneration Area

Following the meeting held on the 7th February 2011, referred to in Minute 114 above, a communication had been received from Mr Christopher Ashman confirming that arrangements had been made for the Tourism Programme Manager and an officials group from the Welsh Assembly Government and various agencies to visit the community on the 3rd March 2011 to discuss the needs and priorities of the area.

Resolved that:

1. the proposed arrangements for a further meeting be accepted and the Council be represented by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk;
2. Councillor Eirion Richards be invited to attend and the following local organisations be also invited to appoint one representative each to attend the meeting:

Cwmllynfell Hall
Cwmllynfell Independent Chapel
Cwmllynfell Youth Club
Cwmllynfell & Rhiwfawr Neighbourhood
Watch

Rhiwfawr Community Association
Cwmllynfell RFC
Cwmllynfell & District Bowls Club
Cwmllynfell & Rhiwfawr OAP Assoc

(b) Minute 99(a) –Cemetery Development

It was reported that the outcome of the Council's application for a grant from the Aggregates Levy Fund Wales was awaited and if the result was favourable the Council could proceed to final design stage and the invitation of tenders.

Resolved that the situation be noted.

(c) Minute 105 - Bumblebee Project – Rhiwfawr Park

It was reported that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council had issued a contract for the preparatory work to be carried out at the park and that work should commence during week commencing the 28th February 2011. The Clerk had enquired if the soil that was being removed could be utilised to fill depressions in the surface of the park.

Resolved that the situation be noted.

(d) Minute 107 - Appropriate Sum under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972

Resolved that the letter dated 25th January 2011 from the Welsh Assembly Government correcting the discretionary expenditure limit for the financial year 2011-12 from £6.43 to £6.44 per local government elector, be noted.

116. BUS SERVICE 124/125 – YSTRADGYNLAIS TO AMMANFORD

Resolved that the letter dated 18th January 2011 from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council giving details of the changes to the above service to take effect on the 14th March 2011, be noted.

117. KIDNEY WALES FOUNDATION – WALK FOR LIFE 2011

A letter dated 20th January 2011 was received from the above organisation in which the Council was requested to consider organising an event on the 27th March 2011.

Resolved that the request be referred to the Local Walking Group and the Keep Fit Group.

118. PROPOSED STOCK PROOF FENCING AT BRYN ROAD, CWMLLYNFELL

A letter dated 24th January 2011 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council together with a notice giving revised information in connection with the application made to the Welsh Assembly Government for consent under Section 194 of the Law of Property Act 1925 to carry out the above-mentioned work.

Resolved that the Council's support for the proposal be reaffirmed and the Welsh Assembly Government informed accordingly.

119. NEATH PORT TALBOT COLLEGE – GOVERNOR VACANCY

Resolved that the letter dated 31st January received from the college giving notification of a vacancy for a co-opted governor be noted.

120. QUEEN ELIZABETH II - FIELDS CHALLENGE

A communication was received from the Fields in Trust Organisation in which an invitation was given to participate in the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge which was being led by Prince William to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The aim of the programme was to protect outdoor recreational sites all across the United Kingdom by 2012. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields would have access to improvement funds.

Councillor C E Richards reported on his discussions with officers of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council with regard to the possibility of work being carried out to the tennis courts area in collaboration with the Community Council.

Resolved that discussions be entered into with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council on the possibility of the tennis courts area and the school field being included in the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge.

121. MEMORIAL TREE

It was reported that an enquiry had been received on behalf of Major Andrew Ervine who wished to plant a tree in the cemetery in memory of his parents.

Resolved that consideration of the matter be deferred and that members be requested to offer assistance to Major Ervine to examine other alternative sites in the area which may also be suitable to plant a tree.

122. WEST GLAMORGAN HIGH SHERIFF'S AWARD FOR 2011

An application form was received to enable the Council to nominate for an award anyone in the community who worked voluntarily in the community with young people or young persons who worked voluntarily in their own community.

Resolved that the matter be noted

123. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Car Park – Gwilym Road

The Council was reminded that a rental agreement had been entered into to use the land between 42 and 46 Gwilym Road as a car park. No demand for rent had been received as yet but the land owner had asked that the Council pay for work that had been carried out at the car park, including fencing. The accounts amounted to £270.25 and £860.11 (inclusive of vat) and would be regarded as payments in lieu of rent.

Resolved that the arrangement be accepted and the accounts approved for payment.

(b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following accounts be paid:

| No | | | £ |
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| 1507 | Mr B Dennard | Strimming & Spraying car Park | 270.25 |
| 1508 | Mr B Dennard | Posts and Fencing | 860.10 |
| 1509 | Neath Port Talbot CBC | Christmas Lights | 2586.10 |
| 1510 | Payroll | Net salary January | 212.11 |
| 1511 | Inland Revenue | Income Tax | 53.03 |

124. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics – December
All Crime, viz: 6
Burglary 1
Anti Social Behaviour 2
Other Crime 3

Noted that these above statistics had been collected by the revised accounting method and they included areas within Carmarthenshire

- Press release received from South Wales Police indicating that crime rates had continued to fall in Swansea and Neath Port Talbot areas in the year ended October 2010, viz:

Neath Port Talbot County Borough:

Robbery down 34.8%

(23 to 15)

Car crime down by 25.4%

(1028 to 767)

House burglaries down by 30.1%

(396 to 277)

Criminal damage down 14.9%

(2378 to 2023)

- Community clean up day Gwrhyd mountain – 10th March 2011
- Landfill Fund Awards;
- Highway verge near Coedffaldau
- Railway Terrace – Inspection cover
- Faulty gutter near Glen Colliery
- Fly tipping – lay-bye near Ochr-y-Waun
- Footpath Gwernant – roots causing damage

Councillor C E Richards also reported on the following matters:

- Proposed meeting with Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM;
- Surgery Rhiwfawr – 19th February 2011
- Rhiwfawr School – Statutory Notice period ended 14th February 2011
- Aman Loughor Heritage Sign – Rhiwfawr - Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council being requested to reinstate.

The meeting terminated at 8.00pm.