

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON  
WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2011 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

**125. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors C Jones, M Jones and D Lloyd together with Councillor C E Richards (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council).

**126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

**127. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council, held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**128. MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Minute 115(a) – Western Valleys Strategic Regeneration Area**

The notes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011, between officers of the Welsh Assembly Government and colleagues from various agencies together with representatives of local organisations, Councillor C E Richards and Councillor Mari Jones and the Clerk, were circulated for information.

At the meeting Mr Chris Ashman, Director of the Western Valleys SRA and his colleagues had presented an overview of the programme, reported on progress with the Swansea Valley Regeneration Plan and circulated statistical data for the Swansea Valley. The various organisations had been invited to identify the priorities for the area and following a discussion it had been agreed that a synopsis of the support that was available would be circulated via the community council to the various organisations represented.

It was agreed further that a further meeting would be convened in three months at which time there would be an update on the action taken to address the issues and opportunities discussed.

The Clerk also reported that a notification had been received that a meeting of the Swansea Valley Forum would be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

**Resolved** that:

1. outcome of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March be noted;
2. the Chairman and the Clerk be authorised to attend the meeting of the Swansea Valley Forum on the 24<sup>th</sup> March.

### **(b) Minute 115(b) – Cemetery Development**

It was reported that a meeting with the Welsh Assembly Government official responsible for the Aggregates Levy Fund had been convened for the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in order to receive feedback on the Council's application for funding.

**Resolved** that the Council be represented by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk of the Council.

### **(c) Minute 115(c) - Bumblebee Project – Rhiwfawr Park**

It was reported that the area designated as a wildflower meadow had been prepared for seeding. Discussions had taken place with an officer of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council on the possibility of involving pupils from Rhiwfawr Primary School in the seeding and the Clerk was liaising with Councillor C E Richards in connection with the arrangements.

**Resolved** that the situation be noted.

### **(d) Minute 120 – Development of Tennis Courts, Gwilym Road**

Further to the discussion regarding the Queen Elizabeth II - Fields Challenge, a communication had been received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council concerning the proposal to develop a ball court and play area at the tennis courts with the aid of grants. The possible terms for taking the matter forward were outlined which would involve the Council entering into an agreement for lease with the County Borough Council.

**Resolved** that:

1. the principle of entering into an agreement with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be accepted so as to enable discussions to take place with regard to the measures necessary to enable the proposed development to take place;
2. the discussions shall also include measures with regard to the future management and maintenance of the facility so as to ensure that these are delivered on a cost neutral basis for the Community Council.

## **129. STRATEGIC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME – YGGD RHIWFAWR & YGGD CWMLLYNFELL**

A letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in acknowledgement of the Council's objection to the above proposal. The County Borough Council's Cabinet had considered the objections on the 1<sup>st</sup> March and an extract from the report submitted to that meeting was circulated for information. The matter would now be referred to the Welsh Assembly Government for determination.

**Resolved** that the matter be noted.

## **130. CENSUS 2011 – COUNCILLOR'S HANDBOOK**

**Resolved** that the letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and the copy of the Councillor's Handbook in relation to the census be noted.

**131. ONE VOICE WALES – POLICY CONSULTATION – VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS**

**Resolved** that the invitation received from One Voice Wales for volunteers to participate in a range of specialist groups of responders to policy consultations initiated by the Welsh Assembly Government be noted.

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

A communication was received from Allianz, the Council's insurers in connection with the claim that had been made against the Council in respect of alleged damage to a car caused by the Amman Loughor Heritage Walks sign that had been erected in the car park. The communication read as follows:

"On review we would say that the sign was in very good condition above ground level and therefore had no obvious defects that would make the Council legally liable. Whilst we agree that the wood below ground level was not in a very good condition, this was not known to yourselves and it is not reasonable to carry out such extreme maintenance checks whereby the sign would be dug up on a regular basis. The only time this would be necessary is if a defect did present itself. Because the incident was not foreseeable to you we do not consider that you are legally liable and therefore will proceed to deny liability on your behalf. We have spoken to Mrs Morris to explain our stance and reasoning; she seems to have accepted our stance."

**Resolved** that the insurers' conclusions and actions be noted.

**133. ENERGY SAVING TRUST – "YNNI'R FRO" PROGRAMME**

**Resolved** that the information received from the trust in relation to the above programme be noted.

**134. CIVIC TRUST FOR WALES – "OPEN DOORS 2011"**

**Resolved** that the correspondence received from the Civic Trust for Wales regarding the above initiative which would publicise events, be referred to Cwmllynfell Hall.

**135. ONE VOICE WALES – NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME**

**Resolved** that the letter dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011 from One Voice Wales publicising the training programme for the next financial year be noted.

**136. WATCYN WYN MEMORIAL**

Further to Minute 71 of the meeting of the Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011, the Clerk reported on the enquires he had made firstly to Cadw and subsequently to various departments of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council as to whether grants were available to maintain the above monument. The latest advice had suggested that the work may qualify for a grant from 'Y Gronfa Wledig'. A requirement of the grant was that the land or building was owned by the applicant and as such the community council would be ineligible to apply.

**Resolved** that the information be conveyed to Cwmllynfell Chapel.

## **137. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **(a) Application for Financial Assistance – Y Boblen – Royal Wedding Party**

Consideration was given to the above application.

**Resolved** that consideration of the application be deferred until the next meeting and in the meantime the applicant be requested to provide further information on the costs incurred and also indicate whether invitations are being extended to the pupils of Rhiwfawr Primary School in addition to Cwmllynfell School and whether any indication of the number of children from both schools that are likely to attend has been given.

### **(b) Payment of Accounts**

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

No			£
1512	One Voice Wales	Subscription 2011/12	135.00
1513	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Grounds Maintenance 2011	4230.74
1514	Mr Rhys Thomas	Reimbursement Security equipment	43.79
1515	Payroll	Net salary February	212.11
1516	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	53.03

## **138. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **(a) Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan – Stakeholders’ Meeting – Cwmllynfell – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

An invitation was received for the Council to be represented at the above meeting.

**Resolved** that the Council be represented by the following members:

Councillor	Councillor
M Evans	D C Phillips
V B Fox	J C Rees
M Jones	

### **(b) Neath Port Talbot Local Development Plan – Amendment to the Delivery Agreement**

**Resolved** that the communication dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council indicating that the timetable for the completion of the plan had slipped by more than four months be noted.

### **(c) Powys Local Development Plan – Candidate Sites**

**Resolved** that the letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011 from Powys County Council giving notice that work had commenced on the Local Development Plan and inviting nominations for Candidate Sites be noted.

## **139. REPORTS**

The following matters were reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics – January All Crime:- 0
- Letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> march 2011 from Inspector Dean Thomas – New Sector Inspector
- Highway Speeding especially at night
- Footpath 106 Rhiwfawr – Defective surface near entrance from Rhiw Road

**Resolved** that:

1. Inspector Dean Thomas be invited to attend a future meeting of the Council;
2. the condition of footpath 106 be reported to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

The meeting terminated at 8.00pm.