

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE CWMLLYNFELL
MILLENNIUM HALL ON WEDNESDAY 18th MAY 2011 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2011/12

Resolved that Councillor Marshall Evans be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor M Evans then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor M Evans (Chairman) presiding

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2011/12

Resolved that Councillor David Lloyd be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor D Lloyd then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors R Evans and C E Richards (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

5. DAY, HOUR AND VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved that:

1. future ordinary meetings during the ensuing municipal year be held at the following venues at 6.30pm. (6.15pm. when the Council is due to receive a presentation or address) on the third Thursday of each month, other than the month of August when there is no meeting;

Rhiwfawr Hall

June 2011
September 2011
November 2011

April 2012

Cwmllynfell Hall

July 2011
October 2011
December 2011
January 2012
February 2012
March 2012
May 2012 (Annual Meeting)

2. the above arrangements be varied if necessary, as circumstances require, at the discretion of the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

6. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolved that:

1. a Cemetery and Environment Committee be appointed comprising six Members, as follows:

Councillors:

M Evans

V B Fox

Mari Jones

Councillors:

D Lloyd

D C Phillips

D B Thomas

2. a Rhiwfawr Park Liaison Committee be appointed comprising the following members to promote the use of the facilities at the park and to liaise with local organisations and individuals to encourage voluntary effort in managing and monitoring the use of facilities:

Councillors:

Chairman

Cllr R Evans

Councillors:

Vice-Chairman

7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) Governing Bodies of Local Schools

Resolved that:

1. it be noted that the under-named school governors had been appointed to represent the Council on the governing body of the following schools and that the terms of office are as follows:

Cwmllynfell School Councillor M C Jones - term of office expires May 2012;

Rhiwfawr School Councillor V B Fox - term of office expiring May 2012

(b) One Voice Wales

Resolved that:

1. the Council be represented on the above-mentioned association by the Chairman, Councillor M Evans and the Vice-Chairman Councillor D Lloyd;
2. Councillor D B Thomas be appointed to deputise in the event of either representative being unable to attend

(c) Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - Liaison Forum

Resolved that:

1. the Council be represented on the above Liaison Forum by the Chairman, Councillor M Evans and the Vice-Chairman Councillor D Lloyd;
2. Councillor D B Thomas be appointed to deputise in the event of either representative being unable to attend.

(d) Cwm Nant Lleici Site Liaison Committee

Resolved that the Council be represented on the above Committee by Councillor V B Fox.

(e) South Wales Police - Spotlight on Police Meetings & Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings

Resolved that the Council be represented on the above by Councillor Mari Jones.

(f) East Pit East Revised Opencast Site Liaison Committee

Resolved that the Council be represented on the Liaison Committee by Councillor D C Phillips.

Note: There are also three Residents' representatives from the Community who had been appointed to serve on the Committee.

8. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 20th April 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 143(a) – Western Valleys Strategic Regeneration Area

A notification was received that a further meeting of the Swansea valley Forum would be held on the 19th May 2011. It was also reported that Cwmllynfell Hall Committee proposed to convene a further meeting of the organisations that had been represented at the Western Valleys meeting held on the 3rd March with a view to coordinating submissions for the benefit of the community.

Resolved that the matter be noted

(b) Minute 143(b) – Cemetery Development

It was reported that a revised application had been submitted under the Aggregates Levy Fund Wales and that it was due to be considered in late June.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

(c) Minute 143(e) - One Voice Wales – National Training Programme

Resolved that the further information received from One Voice Wales on the scheme for Councillor training be noted.

(d) Minute 151 – East Pit East Opencast Coal Site – Planning Application No: P2011/0250 - Proposed Restoration and Aftercare

Resolved that an Officer of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be requested to meet with the Council to discuss the implications of this application and the overall

position concerning the restoration of the East Pit Site and also to carry out an exercise to inform the public in general about the these issues.

(e) Minute 152 - Memorial Tree – Cwmllynfell Cemetery

A letter dated 27th April 2011 was received from Major G A Ervine expressing his gratitude to the Council for granting permission to him to plant a tree in the cemetery in memory of his late parents.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

10. LOCAL COUNCILLOR SHADOWING AWARD

Resolved that the information relating to the above award, received from the British Youth Council, be noted.

11. SUMMER PLAYSCHMES 2011

A letter dated 28th April was received from Neath Port Talbot Children and Young People's Partnership indicating that they wished to hold a play scheme at Rhiwfawr Park over four weeks from the 1st to 26th August 2011. They had also enquired whether the community hall could be utilised as a wet weather venue

Resolved that:

1. the permission be granted to use the park at Rhiwfawr for the Summer Playscheme;
2. the Partnership be advised to seek permission from the Rhiwfawr Community Association to use facilities at Rhiwfawr Community Hall.

12. LAND AT CEFN GWRHYD COMMON – AWEL AMAN TAWE

A copy letter dated 10th May 2011 from the Welsh Assembly Government to Awel Aman Tawe was received, in which the application made by the organisation under Section 194 of the Law of Property Act 1925 to erect a wind turbine and carry out associated work was refused.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

13. CONSUMER FOCUS WALES – OFF-GRID MARKET STUDY – CALL FOR EVIDENCE

A communication was received from Consumer Focus Wales in which consumers who were not connected to the gas grid were invited to provide evidence of any problems experienced with their energy supplies during the winter of 2010-11 and currently. The organisation was particularly keen to hear about vulnerable consumers who had difficulties keeping warm during the severe weather last winter. The Clerk reported that the communication had also been referred to Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr OAP Association and Neighbourhood Watch.

Resolved that evidence be submitted to Consumer Focus Wales in relation to the price increases that have taken place in respect of domestic heating oil.

14. RoSPA – ANNUAL INSPECTION – RHIWFAWR PARK

Resolved that:

1. the notification received from RoSPA that the Annual Inspection would take place in June, be noted;
2. Mr Paul Fox be invited to quote for installing posts alongside the wildflower meadow, repair a broken rail and lay stone dust on the BMX track and the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to accept the quotation if deemed acceptable.

15. TENOVUS HEALTH AWARENESS DAY – 21ST MAY 2011

Resolved that the invitation received for the Council to be represented at the above event to be held at Carmarthen on the 21st May, be noted.

16. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Summary Receipts and Payments Statement and Balance Sheet 2010/2011

Resolved that the Summary Receipts and Payments Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2011, showing the following totals, be approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk;

Balance Brought Forward 1 st April 2010	£56,578.82
Add Total Receipts	£25,951.64
Deduct Total Payments	£26,500.99
Balance Carried Forward 31 March 2010	£56,029.47

(b) Banking

The Clerk referred to the Council's previous practice of placing sums on deposit, as decided in the Investment Strategy (Minute 109(b) of the 19th January 2011 refers) and he reported on the rates of interest offered at present by the Council's bankers and other banks.

Resolved that unless the Council's present bankers can offer satisfactory rates the sums referred to be placed on deposit with another suitable bank.

(c) Insurance

(d)

It was reported that the Council's Insurance was due to be renewed on the 1st June 2011 and the following quotations had been received. Both quotations offered a comparable level of cover:

Company A (present insurers)	£1,122.29
Company B	£833.83

