

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON  
THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011 AT 6.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor M Evans (Chairman) presided  
**COUNCILLORS:** R M Davies, R P Morgan, D C Phillips, J C Rees, D B Thomas and S Williams.

**97. COUNCILLOR RICHARD M DAVIES – CWMLLYNFELL WARD**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Richard M Davies to his first meeting following his co-option and completion of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking to comply with the Code of Conduct.

**98. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors R Evans, M Jones, and M C Jones.

**99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

**100. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**101. MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Minute 90(a) - Cwmllynfell Park (Former Tennis Courts)**

It was reported that applications for grants had been submitted to the Welsh Government under the Aggregates levy Sustainability Fund Wales and the Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) under the Landfill Communities Fund. The Clerk and Mr Chris Munro of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, who had assisted in preparing the application, would meet with WREN'S Grant Manager for the area on the 19<sup>th</sup> December to discuss aspects of the application.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

**(b) Minute 90(e) – Swansea Valley Miners' Appeal Fund**

A legal opinion was received from One Voice Wales following the Council's request for advice as to whether the powers contained in Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 would allow the Council to make a donation to the abovementioned appeal fund.

The opinion provided by Mr Martin Fine, Solicitor with the National Association of Local Councils indicated that contributions could be made to charities such as the Swansea Valley Miners' Appeal Fund without there having to be any direct benefit to the Council's area or to its inhabitants (section 137(3) refers).

As such the matter had been placed on the agenda for consideration under financial matters.

**Resolved** that the advice be accepted.

**(c) Minute 92 - Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority – Annual Action Plan 2012-13**

**Resolved** that the above plan be noted.

**(d) Minute 93(a) - Annual Return of Accounts 2010/11**

The Council's Annual Return containing the External Auditor's Certificate and Report dated 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 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.

**102. ONE VOICE WALES**

Letters dated 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were received from One Voice Wales on the following topics:

**(a) Model Standing Orders**

**Resolved** that it be noted that following discussions with the Public Ombudsman for Wales it had been agreed that paragraph 30 of the Model Standing Orders would be changed to reflect the current arrangements that apply in Wales in relation to allegations of breaches of the code of conduct.

**(b) Training Champions**

One Voice Wales indicated that the response to the invitation to member councils to appoint training champions had been disappointing.

**Resolved** that it be noted that Councillor Paul Morgan would consider accepting the role of Training Champion.

### **(c) Strong Roots Project – ‘Green Futures’ Training Programme**

**Resolved** that it be noted that Cynnal Cymru was working with One Voice Wales to deliver the above project which would enable Community and Town Councils to fully understand the concept of sustainable development and how it related to their communities.

### **103. BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTIES 22<sup>nd</sup> AND 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012**

A notification dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011 was received from One Voice Wales of the opportunity to nominate the current Chairman and guest to be selected to attend a Buckingham Palace Garden Party on one of the above dates. Twenty places had been allocated to One Voice Wales which would be distributed by drawing lots.

**Resolved** that the current Chairman, Councillor Marshall Evans and guest be nominated.

### **104. FIRE AND RESCUE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK 2012 ONWARDS**

**Resolved** that consideration of the above consultation document be deferred until the next meeting.

### **105. CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT BYELAWS (WALES) BILL**

**Resolved** that the letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011 from the National Assembly for Wales in consultation on the above proposed bill which would give effect to simplifying the procedures for making byelaws, be noted.

### **106. LAW OF PROPERTY ACT 1925 – SECTION 194 – NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL – STOCKPROOF FENCE AT BRYN ROAD AND RHIW ROAD – PENLLE’RFEDWEN AND MYNYDD UCHAF COMMON**

Further to minute 60 of the meeting of the Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2011, a communication was received from Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM together with a copy of a response to her representations that had been received from the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development. Mrs Thomas also indicated that she had written to Councillor Eirion Richards and residents of Bryn Road suggesting a meeting in the New Year to consider making a new application in respect of the above. Mrs Thomas also suggested that representatives of the Community Council attend the meeting.

**Resolved** that the Chairman Councillor M Evans, Vice Chairman Councillor D Lloyd, Councillor P Morgan and D B Thomas be appointed to represent the Council at the proposed meeting.

### **107. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **(a) Precept 2012/13**

A letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council requesting notification of the Council’s precept for 2012/13.

**Resolved** that the matter be considered at the next meeting of the Council in conjunction with the Clerk's report on the Council's budget

**(b) Applications for Financial Assistance**

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance.

**Resolved** that:

1. the following application be not entertained:

Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

2. it be noted that Cwmllynfell Hall was seeking a grant of £7,000 towards the following costs and as such the matter be considered further at the next meeting when the Council sets its budget for 2012/2013:

Four Play Schemes – involving employing two play leaders  
Purchase of two sets of spotlights  
Tenth anniversary celebrations  
Painting outside of hall  
General maintenance and utility costs

**(c) Swansea Valley Miners' Appeal Fund**

**Resolved** that in accordance with the Council's powers contained in section 137(3) of the Local Government Act 1972 that a contribution of £100 be made to the Swansea Valley Miners' Appeal Fund.

**(d) Payment of Accounts**

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

No			£
1560	Swansea Valley Miners' Appeal Fund	Contribution	100.00
1561	Mazars LLP	Audit Fee	162.00
1562	Payroll	Net salary November	212.11
1563	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	53.03

**108. PLANNING MATTERS**

**Resolved** that no objection be raised to the following planning applications

App No:

P2011/1046 Single storey rear extension at 92 Gwilym Road, Cwmllynfell.

P2011/1068 First Floor rear extension including balcony at 26 Ochr y Waun, Cwmllynfell

## 109. REPORTS

The following matters were also reported:

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| • South Wales Police Statistics<br>(Note: Statistics include Cefn Bryn<br>Brain and Ystradowen) | All Crime inc ASB -<br>Burglary:<br><br>Anti Social Behaviour<br>Vehicle crime<br>Public Disorder and Weapons<br>Criminal Damage and arson | October 9<br>1<br><br>5<br>1<br>1<br>1 |
| • Overgrown tree Prospect Place;  |  |  |
| • Pothole near 103 Rhiw Road, Rhiwfawr;   |  |  |
| • Damaged fence Rhiwfawr Park, Play area;   |  |  |
| • Swansea Valley Miners' Appeal Fund  |  |  |
| • Code of Conduct training – Monitoring Officer.  |  |  |

**Resolved** that it be suggested to the Monitoring Officer, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council that, in view of the poor attendance at the recent training session, he may wish to consider visiting each community council to provide future training.

The meeting terminated at 7.36pm.