

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON
THURSDAY 19th JANUARY 2012 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

ATTENDING: Councillor C E Richards - Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

110. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

111. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 15th December 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

112. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 101(a) - Cwmllynfell Park (Former Tennis Courts)

The Clerk reported that he and Mr Chris Munro of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, who had assisted in preparing the application, had met the Grant Manager of Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) on the 19th December 2011 to discuss the Council's application under the Landfill Communities Fund. An encouraging response had been received to the Council's application which would be considered by a panel in due course

Resolved that the report be noted.

(b) Minute 102(b) - One Voice Wales - Training Champions

A further communication was received from One Voice Wales containing details of the 2012 training programme. A course on the Role of the Council was scheduled to be held at Neath on the 2nd February but it was undersubscribed and as such member councils were encouraged to attend.

Councillor P Morgan, who had undertaken to consider accepting the role of the Council's Training Champion, indicated that he would attend the course on the 2nd February if sufficient interest had been attracted to enable the course to run. A fee of £15 would become payable if Councillor Morgan attended.

Resolved that the situation be noted.

(c) Minute 104 - Fire And Rescue National Framework 2012 Onwards

Consideration of the above document having been deferred until this meeting, it was **Resolved** that the matter be noted.

(d) Minute 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

Resolved that it be noted that a date for the meeting with Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM was awaited.

113. MYNYDD Y GWRHYD COMMUNITY WIND FARM, AWEL AMAN TAWE

Note: Councillor D B Thomas declared his personal interest in this matter and withdrew from the meeting whilst it was being considered.

A letter dated 21st December 2011 was received from the above organisation together with notice of their application under Section 194 of the Law of Property Act 1925, Section 147 of the Inclosure Acts 1845 to 1882 and the Commons Act 1889. An opportunity existed for the Council to submit any observations it may have on the on the applications to the Welsh Government.

Proposed and Seconded that an objection be raised to the applications as it was unclear how much benefit would accrue to the communities around the common from the wind farm. On being put to the vote the motion was defeated and as such it was **Resolved** not to offer an objection.

114. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – FINAL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012/13

The above report was received in which it was indicated, inter alia, that in the case of Community and Town Councils a national remuneration framework would be introduced for the 2013/14 financial year.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

115. WESTERN VALLEYS STRATEGIC REGENERATION AREA - QUESTIONNAIRE

A questionnaire to enable the Council to offer its view on the benefit that had accrued to the community from the above-mentioned strategy was received from Neath Port Talbot CVS.

Resolved that the response outlined to the Council expressing the Council's disappointment over the lack of benefit to the community be submitted to Neath Port Talbot CVS.

116. AMAN GROUP OF LOCAL COUNCILS

A notice of the meeting of the above group which would be held on the 26th January 2012 was received. The Council had already appointed the Chairman and Vice Chairman to represent the Council. The agenda included the following items in respect of which the Council's representatives would be required to convey the Council's views:

- i. To consider whether there is an opportunity for the group to consider joint initiatives e.g. play areas, toilets, bus shelters etc;

- ii. To receive feedback from members on the views of individual councils on the proposed Twrch Trwyth Trail project.

Resolved that the Council's representatives be mandated to indicate that the Council supports both initiatives in principle but is not in a position to commit funds.

117. COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL/COMMUNITY COUNCILS LIAISON FORUM

A letter dated 12th January 2012 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council inviting agenda items for the next meeting of the forum which would be held on the 13th February 2012.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

118. EAST PIT EAST REVISED OPENCAST COAL SITE – LIAISON COMMITTEE

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on the 19th October 2011 and the agenda of the next meeting to be held on the 25th January 2012 be noted.

119. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Cemetery Charges 2012-13

Resolved that the following cemetery charges be continued with effect from the 1st April 2012:

Details	Charges from 1 st April 2012	
	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) Investment Strategy – 2012-13

Resolved that the following categories of investments be undertaken in 2012/13:

1. deposits be made in a High Interest Deposit Bond (or similar) to a maximum of £45,000, the duration on each occasion to be reviewed according to Market Conditions;
2. deposits be made in a Business Money Manager Account (or similar) of all sums in excess of the working balance in the Council's Community 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.

- the Nat West Fixed Interest Bond that is due to mature shortly be re-invested for 12 months at 3% interest rate.

(c) Budget 2012/13

The Clerk submitted his report on the review of the budget for the current financial year and the draft budget for 2012/13. The estimated expenditure for 2012/13 was summarised as follows:

Expenditure Summary 2012/13		
	<u>Revenue</u>	£
Cemetery		3,020.00
Parks and Open Spaces		5,004.00
General Administration		2,261.00
Payroll and Expenses		4,160.00
Grants Halls		8,000.00
Grants other		1,950.00
Highways Paths, seats etc		50.00
Contingency		<u>2,444.50</u>
Total Revenue Expenditure		<u>26,889.50</u> <u>26,889.50</u>
	<u>Capital</u>	
Parc Cymunedol Llynfell Community Park		2,300.00
Total Capital Expenditure		<u>2,300.00</u> <u>2,300.00</u>
Grand total expenditure		<u>£29,189.50</u>

Estimated miscellaneous income, for 2012/13, including bank interest, amounted to £2,537.00 leaving net expenditure of £26,652.50 to be met from balances and the precept. The anticipated reserve at the 31st March 2011 which would be carried forward into 2012-13, including the grant from the Celtic Energy Site Liaison Committee – Community Benefit Fund was estimated at £50,927.47. If the scheduled expenditure of £6,000 on the Cemetery Improvements would not be spent by the end of the current financial year, that sum would be carried forward into the next financial year thereby increasing the reserve to £56,927.47. A notification had been received from the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council that the Council Tax Base for the community for 2012/13 would be 369.34.

Resolved that:

- the Budget for 2012/13 showing total expenditure of £29,189.50, consisting of £26,889.50 (Revenue) and £2,300.00 (Capital) be approved;
- a precept of £23,500 be made upon the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the financial year 2012/13, which together with estimated miscellaneous income of £2,537.00 would leave £3,152.50 to be met from balances;

(d) Proposed Improvements at Cwmllynfell Cemetery

The Clerk reported on the arrangements for officers of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to design the works, survey the site, prepare drawings, bill of

