

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON  
THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2012 AT 6.15 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

**COUNCILLORS:** R M Davies, R Evans, M Jones, M C Jones, D Lloyd, R P Morgan,  
D C Phillips, J C Rees and D B Thomas.

**Councillor D Lloyd (Vice-Chairman) presiding**

**121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for his absence was received from Councillor C E Richards

**122. GROUNDWORK**

Ms Gail Devine, CoRE project Officer of Groundwork was received to discuss the following matters:

**(a) Old Cemetery, Cwmllynfell**

It was reported that Groundwork had commissioned Trysor to work with the pupils of Cwmllynfell Primary School to research and document the history of the old cemetery. Two sessions had been held during which the pupils had visited the cemetery. Their views had also been invited on measures to protect the cemetery for the future. Ms Devine suggested that local organisations and individuals should also be encouraged to become involved and suggested that an open day be held. It was reported that Cwmllynfell Hall would be holding an open day on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012 to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the opening of the hall and it had been suggested that the Council may wish to participate in that event.

**Councillor M Evans (Chairman) presiding**

**Resolved** that an open day be held during Easter week and that further participation shall take place during the open day arranged by Cwmllynfell Hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**(b) Promotion of "In Bloom" Initiative**

The Clerk referred to the Council's decision to examine whether a grant could be obtained to fund an "in bloom" initiative with a view to engaging the City and County of Swansea to provide hanging baskets and planters (Minute 72(c) of the meeting of the Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011 refers).

Ms Devine indicated that Groundwork would be prepared to assist the Council in sourcing a grant and also to encourage participation by local residents during the open day referred to in (a) above.

**Resolved** that the course of action outlined above be pursued.

## **123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

## **124. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **125. MATTERS ARISING**

### **(a) Minute 112(b) – One Voice Wales - Training**

A communication was received from One Voice Wales inviting participation in Module 4 of the training scheme – “Understanding the Law”. It was also reported that Councillor R P Morgan had attended a training course on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Resolved** that the matter be noted.

### **(b) Minute 112(d) Law of Property Act 1925 – Section 194 – Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council – Stock proof Fence At Bryn Road And Rhiw Road – Penlle’rfedwen And Mynydd Uchaf Common**

It was reported that a meeting had been held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2012 with Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM and Local Residents at which the Council was represented by its appointed representatives, Councillor M Evans, D Lloyd, R P Morgan and D B Thomas. It had been agreed that a further application should be submitted which should be substantially different from the previous application, include evidence to refute the inaccuracies in the previous decision and contain supporting evidence.

It had also been agreed that:

- (i) a Committee of interested parties be formed to progress the application (The following members of the Council had been appointed to the Committee: Councillors D Lloyd, R P Morgan and D B Thomas);
- (ii) letters of support for the new application be submitted to Councillor C E Richards by the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012;
- (iii) Mrs G Thomas AM to meet with the Minister, Mr John Griffiths and request that attendance at a site visit by an official of the Assembly;
- (iv) a meeting be arranged with the Open Spaces Society, an objector to the original application;
- (v) Mrs Gwenda Thomas Am would attend the first meeting of the Committee.

**Resolved** that the situation be noted.

### **(c) Minute 116 - Aman Group of Local Councils**

A report was presented of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman’s attendance at the meeting of the above group on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The Chairmanship of the group rotated alphabetically and it had been suggested that Cwmlllynfell should accept Chairmanship during the coming year but the invitation had been declined. It had also been indicated by the Council’s representatives that the Council would support the initiatives outlined in minute 116 but without financial commitment.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

**(d) Minute 119(d) – Proposed Improvements at Cwmllynfell Cemetery**

**Resolved** that the following select list of tenderers recommended by officers of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be adopted:

T Richard Jones (Betws) Ltd, Ammanford  
Paul's Plant Hire, Rhiwfawr  
Select Castle Swansea  
Gerald Davies Margam, Port Talbot  
Afan Landscapes Margam, Port Talbot  
Raymond Brown Construction Bridgend

**126. PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE DATE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS IN WALES**

A letter dated 16<sup>TH</sup> January 2012 was received from the Welsh Government inviting views on the proposal to move the date of the local government elections in Wales from May 2016 to May 2017. The matter was being considered as the next parliamentary general election would be held on the first Thursday in May 2015 and the elections to the National assembly for Wales would be delayed by one year from May 2015 to May 2016 as a result of the Fixed Term Parliament Act 2011. The Minister for Local Government and Communities was therefore considering delaying the local government elections by one year in accordance with the powers held under section 87 of the Local Government Act 2000.

**Resolved** that the Welsh Assembly be informed that it is the view of members of Cwmllynfell Community Council that the local government elections should be held in May 2016 to coincide with the National Assembly for Wales Elections.

**127. WEST GLAMORGAN HIGH SHERIFF'S AWARD FOR 2012**

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.

**128. ATLANTIC ARRAY OFFSHORE WIND FARM – PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

**Resolved** that the letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 from RWE npower renewables containing an update on the public consultation exercise in connection with the above proposal, be noted.

**129. "OPT FOR LIFE CYMRU"**

A letter was received from the Kidney Wales Foundation who jointly with other charities had launched the above campaign with the aim of supporting the Welsh Government's proposal to change the legislation on Organ Donation in Wales. The Council was accordingly invited to support the campaign by writing to the Welsh Government.

**Resolved** that the campaign be supported in the terms outlined by the Kidney Wales Foundation.

**130. “THE DRIVE FOR CLEANER AIR” – NEATH PORT TALBOT CONFERENCE**

**Resolved** that the invitation for the Council to be represented at a conference on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 be noted.

**131. SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS AND ONE VOICE WALES – TRAINING EVENT - CONSULTATION**

**Resolved** that the Council’s views on the arrangements for the above event be submitted.

**132. COUNTRYSIDE COUNCIL FOR WALES – REVIEW OF MAPS OF OPEN ACCESS**

A letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012 was received from the Countryside Council for Wales in which it was indicated that the review process would start on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**Resolved** that the matter be noted.

**133. BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES – REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES**

**Resolved** that the Boundary Commission’s proposals be considered at the next meeting.

**134. NEATH PORT TALBOT RURAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2007-2013**

**Resolved** that the quarterly update on the “Think Links, Think Rural, Think Sustainability” Rural Development Plan project be noted

**135. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(a) Swansea Valley Miners’ Appeal Fund**

A letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012 was received from the Secretary to the Trustees of the above charity acknowledging the Council’s contribution and indicating that all administration expenses will be funded by the Coal Industry Welfare Organisation.

**Resolved** that the letter be noted.

**(b) Kidney Wales Foundation – Walk for Life – 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

A letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012 was received from the above organisation inviting the Council to organise a Walk for Life in the area or alternatively make a donation towards the appeal.

**Resolved** that the invitation to organise a Walk for Life be declined and that consideration of the application for a donation be deferred until the commencement of the next financial year in April.

**(a) Payment of Accounts**

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

No			£
1569	Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Subscription	83.00
1570	Payroll	Net salary January	212.11
1571	Inland Revenue	Income Tax re	53.03

**136. PLANNING MATTERS**

**Resolved** that no objection be raised to the following planning application:

App No:

P2012/0141 Formation of pedestrian footpath/cycle track and other associated works between Rhosamman and Cwmllynfell.

**137. REPORTS**

The following matters were also reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics All Crime (see categories below) December 8
- (Note: Statistics include Cefn Bryn Brain and Ystradowen) Burglary 2
- Anti Social Behaviour: 3
- Vehicle Crime 1
- Other theft 2
- Replacement PCSO due May 2012;
- Neighbourhood Watch signs require replacement
- Dog fouling and emptying of dog bins;
- Use of Heol Daniel Car Park by general public
- Parking in restricted area entrance to Bryn Road from Heol Gwilym

The meeting terminated at 8.00pm.