

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON
THURSDAY 15th MARCH 2012 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

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

138. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

139. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

140. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 16th February 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

141. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 122(a) – Old Cemetery, Cwmllynfell

It was reported that Groundwork had made arrangements to hold an open day at Cwmllynfell Hall on the 10th April 2012 in order to afford local organisations and individuals the opportunity to suggest how the old cemetery could be protected and the access improved for visitors and local residents.

Resolved that the proposed arrangements be welcomed.

(b) Minute 122(b) - Promotion of “In Bloom” Initiative

It was reported that Groundwork was prepared to assist the Council in submitting an application for an Awards for All grant in order to provide hanging baskets and planters during the coming season. A revised quotation had been received from the City and County of Swansea in the sum of £1,950.24. The Awards for All grant would not however be available for any maintenance aspects of the scheme which formed the greatest proportion of the charge.

Resolved that in the circumstances the matter be left in abeyance for the forthcoming season.

**(c) Minute 125(b) –Proposed Stock Proof Fencing, Bryn Road and Rhiw Road –
Penlle’r Fedwen and Mynydd Uchaf Common**

It was reported that the Committee of interested parties had met earlier that day with Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM to discuss measures in order to progress the new application under Section 194 of the Law of Property Act 1925. Mrs Thomas would

arrange to meet with the Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development and the Minister for Health and Social Services and a further meeting of the Committee would be convened in May.

The Community Council had supported the previous application and would be requested to provide a letter of support again in respect of the proposed new application.

Resolved that;

1. the report be noted;
2. a letter of support be provided on behalf of the Council.

(d) Minute 133 - Boundary Commission for Wales – Review of Parliamentary Boundaries

Consideration was given to submitting the Council's views on the above review.

Resolved that:

1. the Boundary Commission be informed that the Council is opposed to the reduction in the number of MPs in Wales and is of the view that the way that the Boundary Commission has ignored the community ward - community - electoral division - county & county borough - constituency "building blocks" in order to establish constituencies with a comparable number of electors is undemocratic and unconstitutional;
2. the views of One Voice Wales on the review be sought.

142. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS 3rd MAY 2012

A letter dated 17th February 2012 was received from the Returning Officer, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council outlining the arrangements for the forthcoming elections. Nomination packs were also distributed for circulation to sitting members of the Council.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

143. RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION – "FLEXIGROUPS"

A letter dated 22ND February 2012 was received from the Ramblers' Association regarding a new scheme called flexigroups.

Resolved that the information be passed to the local walking group and other interested parties.

144. NEATH PORT TALBOT CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

A letter dated 22nd February 2012 was received from the above Bureau in which it was indicated that a merger with the Swansea CAB would take effect on the 31st March 2012. The Council was also invited to become an Organisational Member of

the bureau and to be represented at a General Meeting on the 30th March 2012 at the Towers Hotel, Jersey Marine, Swansea.

Resolved that an application be made to become an Organisational Member of the Bureau and that Councillor P Morgan be authorised to attend the General Meeting.

145. PARC CYMUNEDOL LLYNFELL COMMUNITY PARK

A letter dated 28th February 2012 was received from the Welsh Government approving in full the Council's application for a grant of £79,986 from the Aggregate Levy Fund Wales towards the cost of the above scheme.

A letter dated 6th March 2012 was also received from Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd approving the Council's application for a grant of £50,000 from the Landfill Communities Fund being the balance of the cost of the project.

Both grants were the subject of various terms and conditions which included the Council entering into a lease in respect of the land for a period of at least 21 years.

Resolved that:

1. the terms and conditions of the above grants be accepted;
2. the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the time being be authorised to sign the contract documents in respect of both the Aggregate Levy Fund Wales grant and the Landfill Communities Fund grant;
3. the Clerk and the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the time being be authorised to sign claim forms in respect of both grants;
4. the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the time, acting together be granted plenary powers to discharge the functions of the Council in respect of any urgent action that may be required in respect of the scheme;
5. the terms and conditions of the lease be brought before the Council for consideration as soon as possible;
6. the Council's gratitude for the assistance provided by Mr C Munro, Project Development and Funding Officer in preparing the applications for grant be conveyed to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council;
7. the Council's appreciation of Councillor C E Richards' initiative in mooted this venture be placed on record.

146. "STRONG ROOTS" PROJECT

A letter dated 29th February 2012 was received from One Voice Wales regarding the Strong Roots Project which was a partnership between that organisation and Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales and the Climate Change Consortium for Wales. The key part of the project was the accumulation of case studies and best practice on sustainable development involving community and town councils.

Resolved that the letter be noted.

147. FIRST BUS SERVICE CHANGES

Resolved that the letter dated 1st March 2012 from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council containing details of changes in bus services be noted.

148. FUTURE OF CLYDACH WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Resolved that the discussion document on the above matter received from the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board be noted.

149. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Application for Financial Assistance – Blind Veterans UK

Resolved that consideration of the above application be deferred until the next financial year.

(a) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1572	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Grounds maintenance 2011/12	4,360.51
1573	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Christmas Lighting	3,214.85
1574	Payroll	Net salary February	212.11
1575	Inland Revenue	Income Tax re	53.03
1576	Waste Recycling Group Ltd	Third Party contribution – Landfill Communities Fund	5,500.00
1577	One Voice Wales	Course Fee	15.00
1578	Cllr M Evans	Travelling Expenses – Seminar	24.54

150. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning Application

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

App No:

P2012/0131 Extension of period of time for submission of reserved matters on land adjacent to 44 Gwilym Road, Cwmllynfell.

(b) Planning Appeal

Resolved that no further comment be made in respect of the following appeal against conditions imposed in respect of the planning permission:

App No: P2008/0775 – Planning Inspectorate

Reference:APP/Y6930/A/12/2170139/WF

Extension of period of time for submission of reserved matters on land adjacent to 44 Gwilym Road, Cwmllynfell.

(c) Powys Local Development Plan – Preferred Strategy Consultation

Resolved that the letter from Powys County Council in connection with the above matter be noted.

151. REPORTS

The following matters were also reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics All Crime (see categories January 6
(Note: Statistics include Cefn Bryn below)
- Brain and Ystradowen) Anti Social Behaviour: 6
- Police notification poisonous bracelets;
- Defective drainage gutters.

Councillor C E Richards also reported on the following matters:

- Mini bus provided for Cwmllynfell School;
- Dog waste bin provision;
- Drainage Coedffaldau;
- Bridge replacement Lower Cwmtwrch imminent;

Councillor C E Richards also thanked the Council for the co-operation extended to him during the current term of office.

The meeting terminated at 7.54pm.