

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE RHIWFAWR HALL ON  
THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

**152. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**153. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

**154. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**155. MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Minute 141(a) – Old Cemetery, Cwmllynfell**

A report of the open day held at Cwmllynfell Hall on the 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 was received from Groundwork. Some 20 individuals had attended the event and a number of comments and suggestions had been received in respect of the future of the site. A consensus had emerged both from the event and through the work with the school that the access to and appearance of the cemetery were a priority.

Groundwork had therefore identified the following as being the next course of action:

- The ownership of the site needs to be established;
- The Rights of Way Officer to be contacted to establish the status of the path;
- Continuation of the work with the community to develop ideas and research.

**Resolved** that the above course of action be affirmed and enquiries pursued with regard to ownership of the land.

**(b) Minute 141(b) – Proposed Stock Proof Fencing, Bryn Road and Rhiw Road – Penlle'rfedwen and Mynydd Uchaf Common**

It was reported that the scheduled meeting with the relevant Ministers of the Welsh Government had been delayed until May.

**Resolved** that the report be noted and further developments awaited.

### **(c) Minute 142 - Local Government Elections 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2012**

Notices were received from the Returning Officer giving the results of the Uncontested Elections of Councillors to represent the Cwmllynfell and Penrhiwfawr Ward of the Community. One vacancy remained to be filled in the Cwmllynfell Ward and an item to enable the vacancy to be filled by co-option would appear on the agenda of the Annual Meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012.

**Resolved** that the situation be noted.

### **(d) Minute 145 - Parc Cymunedol Llynfell Community Park**

A letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council setting out the terms and conditions upon which the Head of Property and Regeneration was prepared to recommend to his authority that the site be lease to the Community Council.

The lease would be for a term of 25 years at a rental of £600 per annum and subject to an upwards only review at five-yearly intervals. The terms also required the Community Council to:

- Be liable to reimburse the County Borough Council a reasonable proportion of the cost of repairing and maintaining the access lane and also to keep the land comprising the new park in a good and substantial state of repair and condition to the satisfaction of the County Borough Council including the perimeter boundary fences and gates, rights of access etc erected now and in the future;
- Insure the land including boundary fences walls etc in the joint names of the Community Council and the County Borough Council on a comprehensive basis to full reinstatement value plus two years rental;
- Indemnify the County Borough Council against claims, demands, liabilities proceedings, costs or actions whatsoever arising out of the use and occupation of the premises and the grant of the lease

The Council was reminded that the basis upon which it had agreed to become involved in the proposed community park project was that it would be delivered on a cost neutral basis for the Community Council. The negotiations which the Clerk had undertaken on behalf of the Council had therefore sought to obtain a lease at a peppercorn rent and for the County Borough Council to repair and maintain the park. The only concession that had been offered was that the Community Council could apply to the County Borough Council for a grant to assist with the annual rent. Negotiations with an Officer of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council had however failed hitherto to achieve any variation in the proposed terms of the lease.

A revised quotation was received from Wicksteed Playscapes for the supply and installation of the equipment and surfacing in the sum £125,500. There had been a slight increase from the quotation that had formed the basis for the grant applications. The funding profile in those applications had also envisaged a contribution of some materials so that the grants met the net cost of the scheme. This aspect would require to be affirmed before entering into the contract with Wicksteed Playscapes.

**Resolved** that:

1. further negotiations with regard to the terms of the lease be pursued with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in accordance with the plenary powers granted to the Chairman and Vice Chairman;
2. a further assessment of the funding position be presented in due course.

**156. COMMISSION ON DEVOLUTION IN WALES – NEATH 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012**

**Resolved** that the information that had been circulated to enable members to attend the above drop in session be noted.

**157. MODEL CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS POLICY GUIDANCE**

The above guidance had been issued by the Welsh Government. The Public Services Ombudsman for Wales had urged public service providers to adopt the policy and guidance.

**Resolved** that the matter be considered further in due course.

**158. “ENVIRONMENT MATTERS” EVENT CARDIFF - 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

**Resolved** that the invitation received for the Council to be represented at the above event be noted.

**159. SUMMER PLAYSCHMES 2012 – RHIWFAWR PARK**

A letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> April 2012 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 30<sup>th</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012. 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.

**160. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**(a) Audit of Accounts for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.**

A notification was received from Mazars the Council’s Auditors that the appointed date for exercise of electors’ rights in respect of the audit of accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 was the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012. The initial certification of the Annual return would have to be completed by the Council by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

**Resolved** that the necessary arrangements be made for the audit and the submission of the Annual Return.

## **(b) Summary Receipts and Payments Statement and Balance Sheet 2011/2012**

**Resolved** that the Summary Receipts and Payments Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012, showing the following totals, be approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk;

Balance Brought Forward 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2011	£56,029.47
Add Total Receipts	£27,274.80
Deduct Total Payments	£29,473.87
Balance Carried Forward 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012	£53,830.40

## **(c) Applications for Financial Assistance**

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance including those that had been deferred until the current financial year.

**Resolved** that:

1. applications for financial assistance of a general nature from national organisations be deferred for consideration until January 2013;
2. consideration of the following applications be deferred in accordance with the resolution in 1 above:

Macmillan Cancer Support South West Wales  
British Heart Foundation  
Wales Air Ambulance – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Appeal  
Kidney Wales Foundation – Walk for Life  
Blind Veterans UK  
Royal British Legion – Falklands Flashback

3. a grant in the following sum be made to the under mentioned organisation:

Cwmllynfell Hall - £6,500  
(£6,000 general grant + £500 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations)

Note: Councillor Mrs M C Jones declared her personal interest in the following application and withdrew from the meeting whilst it was being considered

4. consideration of the following application be deferred so that the organisation may be requested to provide an estimate of the cost of the proposed maintenance work:

Cwmllynfell & Rhiwfawr Branch of the National O.A.P. Association of South Wales

## **(d) Payment of Accounts**

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

No			£
1579	Cwmllynfell Hall	Grant	6,500.00
1580	One Voice Wales	Subscription	138.00
1581	Payroll	Net salary February	212.11
1582	Inland Revenue	Income Tax re	53.03

### **(e) Grass Cutting 2012 Season**

A communication dated 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council quoting the sum of £3,859.89 plus VAT for carrying out the Council's grass cutting requirements for the 2012 season, made up as follows (4 cuts during season other than as indicated below):

1	Cemetery including herbicide alongside roadway	£2,592.45
2	Cwmllynfell Chapel Grounds (inc Watcyn Wyn memorial)	351.40
3	Rhiwfawr Park (Note: – Former bowling green and play area - fortnightly cut), (Remainder excluding wildflower meadow but including Wetland area alongside paths – 4cuts), Wildflower meadow 2 cuts	748.09
5	Litter Picking and herbicide application	167.95
	Total	<u>3,859.89</u>

**Resolved** that the quotation received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in the sum of £3,859.89 plus VAT be accepted;

### **161. PLANNING MATTERS**

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

App No:

P2012/0079 First floor rear extension at 19 Railway Terrace, Cwmllynfell.

### **162. REPORTS**

The following matters were also reported:

- South Wales Police Statistics All Crime (see categories February 6  
(Note: Statistics include Cefn Bryn below)  
Brain and Ystradowen) Anti Social Behaviour: 2  
Violent Crime 1  
Public Disorder and 1  
Weapons  
Criminal Damage and Arson 1  
Other theft 1
- Rhiwfawr School – pursue enquiries of NPTCBC's intentions;
- Litter Rhiwfawr park.
- BMX Track Rhiwfawr – Holly bush requires pruning

### **163. COUNCILLOR MRS M C JONES – CWMLLYNFELL WARD**

Councillor Jones informed the Council that she had not sought re-election due to other commitments and thanked the members for their cooperation during her term of office.

**Resolved** that Councillor Jones be thanked for her service as a Councillor

The meeting terminated at 8.37pm.