

.CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT THE CWMLLYNFELL
MILLENNIUM HALL ON THURSDAY 17th MAY 2012 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2012/13

Resolved that Councillor David Lloyd be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor D Lloyd then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor D Lloyd (Chairman) presiding

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2012/13

Resolved that Councillor Ruth Evans be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor R Evans then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

4. DAY, HOUR AND VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved that:

1. future ordinary meetings during the ensuing municipal year be held at the following venues at 6.30pm. (6.15pm. when the Council is due to receive a presentation or address) on the third Thursday of each month, other than the month of August when there is no meeting;

<u>Rhiwfawr Hall</u>	<u>Cwmllynfell Hall</u>
June 2012	July 2012
September 2012	October 2012
November 2012	December 2012
	January 2013
	February 2013
	March 2013
April 2013	May 2013 (Annual Meeting)

2. the above arrangements be varied if necessary, as circumstances require, at the discretion of the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

5. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolved that:

1. a Cemetery and Environment Committee be appointed comprising six Members, as follows:

Councillors:

M Evans

R Evans

M Jones

Councillors:

D Lloyd

D C Phillips

D B Thomas

2. a Rhiwfawr Park Liaison Committee be appointed comprising the following members to promote the use of the facilities at the park and to liaise with local organisations and individuals to encourage voluntary effort in managing and monitoring the use of facilities:

Councillors:

Chairman

Cllr R P Morgan

Councillors:

Vice-Chairman

6. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) Governing Bodies of Local Schools

Resolved that the under-named school governor be appointed to represent the Council on the governing body of the following school and that the term of office shall be as follows:

Cwmllynfell School - Councillor R M Davies - term of office expires May 2016

(b) One Voice Wales

Resolved that:

1. the Council be represented on the above-mentioned association by the Chairman, Councillor D Lloyd and the Vice-Chairman Councillor R Evans;
2. Councillor D B Thomas be appointed to deputise in the event of either representative being unable to attend;
3. Councillor R P Morgan be appointed as the Council's Training Champion to liaise with One Voice Wales on training matters.

(c) Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - Liaison Forum

Resolved that:

1. the Council be represented on the above Liaison Forum by the Chairman, Councillor D Lloyd and the Vice-Chairman Councillor R Evans;
2. Councillor D B Thomas be appointed to deputise in the event of either representative being unable to attend.

(d) Cwm Nant Lleici Site Liaison Committee

Resolved that the Council be represented on the above Committee by Councillor M Jones.

(e) South Wales Police - Spotlight on Police Meetings & Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings

Resolved that the Council be represented on the above by Councillor Mari Jones.

(f) East Pit East Revised Opencast Site Liaison Committee

Resolved that the Council be represented on the Liaison Committee by Councillor D C Phillips.

Note: There are also three Residents' representatives from the Community who had been appointed to serve on the Committee.

(g) Aman Group of Local Councils

Resolved that the Council be represented on the above group by the Chairman, Councillor D Lloyd and the Vice Chairman Councillor R Evans.

7. VACANCY – CWMLLYNFELL WARD

Confirmation had been received from the Returning Officer that the Council could co-opt a person to fill the remaining vacancy in the office of Councillor to represent the Cwmllynfell Ward.

Resolved that Mr T H J Kendrick, 20 Gwilym Road, Cwmllynfell, Swansea SA9 2GH be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

8. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 19th April 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 155(a) – Old Cemetery, Cwmllynfell

Confirmation was received that Mr John Morris of Rhydyfro was the owner of the land where the old cemetery was located, with the exception of the former railway line. Mr Morris has indicated that he was amenable to discussing the possibility of some work being carried out to protect the cemetery.

Resolved that the information be conveyed to Groundwork.

(b) Minute 155(d) - Parc Cymunedol Llynfell Community Park

It was reported that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk had met with Councillor C E Richards and officers of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council on the 3rd May 2012 to discuss the terms of the proposed lease. Subsequently a letter dated 9th May had been received from the County Borough Council's Head of Property and Regeneration together with the draft Heads of Terms for the proposed lease to the Council. The County Borough Council had not however removed the

requirement for the Community Council to reimburse a reasonable proportion of the cost of maintaining the access lane or the requirement to insure to full reinstatement value.

The Clerk had consulted the Council's insurers with regard to providing the necessary insurance cover as specified by the County Borough Council and a quotation of £1,066.01 had been received.

Following further negotiations the Head of Property and Regeneration had agreed that photographic evidence of the condition of the access lane would be taken prior to the lease being entered into and the County Borough Council would have no obligation other than to endeavour to keep it in no better condition than at present. He would also explore the possibility of the site being added to the County Borough Council's block insurance policy with the Community Council reimbursing the annual premium.

A further response had been made on behalf of the Council indicating that it must be ensured that the access lane is fit for purpose at all times and that the revised insurance arrangements would appear to be acceptable provided that the premium did not exceed approximately £100

Resolved that the proposed lease be agreed to in principle subject to the prerequisites referred to relating to the access lane and the insurance requirements and that a Special Meeting of the Council be convened as soon as possible to consider the final terms.

10. NEATH PORT TALBOT AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN REVIEW

Resolved that the notification received that the above review consultation had been extended to the 18th May 2012 be noted.

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES

Resolved that:

1. it be noted that the Minister for Local Government and Communities had appointed new commissioners;
2. it be noted that the Commission had also adopted new policies and as such would no longer propose new electoral divisions with four or more elected members but would allow the creation of new electoral divisions across Wales with broadly similar sizes across a given authority but would retain local democracy and the link between the public and the elected member.

12. CWMLLYNFELL HALL – 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – 26th MAY 2012

An invitation was received for members to attend the above celebrations.

Resolved that members be requested to respond individually to the hall to signify whether they will be attending.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved that the following correspondence be noted:

- Boundary Commission for Wales - Second Consultation on Review of Parliamentary Constituencies
- One Voice Wales – Strong Roots Project
- One Voice Wales -The Big Jubilee Lunch
- One Voice Wales – Jubilee Woods for South Wales
- Wales Government – Promoting Local Democracy White Paper

14. ONE VOICE WALES – TRAINING NEW COUNCILLOR – INDUCTION

An invitation was received for members of the Council to attend courses on various subjects designed to provide induction training for new Councillors.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

15. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Insurance

It was reported that the Council's Insurance was due to be renewed on the 1st June 2012 and the Council's present insurers had quoted a renewal premium of £847.96 which compared favourably with the premium for the current year.

Resolved that the quotation received from Zurich Municipal Insurance in the sum of £847.96 for the renewal of the Council's Insurance be accepted.

(b) Application for Financial Assistance – West Glamorgan Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Resolved that the application received from the above organisation be not entertained.

(c) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1583	Zurich Municipal Insurance	Insurance Premium	847.96
1584	Neath Port Talbot CVS	Subscription	10.00
1585	Payroll	Net salary April	212.11
1586	Inland Revenue	Income Tax re	53.03

16. PLANNING MATTERS – CARMARTHENSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A letter dated 23rd April 2012 was received from Carmarthenshire County Council giving notice of a consultation representation that had been received regarding alternative sites for development.

Resolved that:

1. the letter be noted;

2. Carmarthenshire County Council be requested to place documentation regarding the Local Development Plan on deposit at Cwmllynfell Library.

17. REPORTS

The following matters were also reported:

South Wales Police Statistics (Note: Statistics include Cefn Bryn Brain and Ystradowen)	All Crime (see categories below) Anti Social Behaviour: Criminal Damage and Arson Other theft Drugs	March	7 3 1 1 2
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- Rhiwfawr School – sale of premises – Councillor C E Richards pursuing enquiries

Councillor C E Richards also reported on the following matters:

- Storm damage
- Drainage Coedffaldau and near Hendreforgan
- Bridge renewal Lower Cwmtwrch imminent
- Grass cutting and tree felling – Celtic Energy
- Pelican Crossing near Cwmllynfell Hall – work in progress
- Animal trespass fencing – meeting with Welsh Assembly representatives imminent
- Bryn Road / Glen Colliery drainage scheduled for current financial year

18. COUNCILLOR C E RICHARDS – RE-ELECTION

Resolved that Councillor C E Richards be congratulated on his re-election.

19. COUNCILLOR MARSHALL EVANS – RETIRING CHAIRMAN

Resolved that Councillor Evans be thanked for his services as Chairman during the last municipal year.

The meeting terminated at 7.55pm.