

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE RHIWFAWR HALL  
ON THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2012 AT 6.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Lloyd (Chairman) presided  
**COUNCILLORS:** M Evans, R Evans, 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)

**27. APOLOGIES**

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

**28. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2012 be confirmed and signed correct records.

**29. MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Minutes 9(a) and 21- Parc Cymunedol Llynfell Community Park**

It was reported that a notification had been received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council that the Economic and Community Regeneration Board had approved that the lease in respect of the above area should be granted to the Community Council. The County Borough Council had also applied for consent for the grant of the lease to the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation.

The draft lease had been received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and it had been forwarded to One Voice Wales who had arranged for the National Association of Local Councils to give legal advice in respect of the lease.

Arrangements had been made for a pre-contract meeting to be held with Wicksteed on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

The Chairman Councillor D Lloyd, Councillor C Eirion Richards and the Clerk reported that they had met with the Chair of Cwmlllynfell Hall Committee prior to this meeting and discussions had taken place with regard to the arrangements for opening, closing and supervising the use of the play area. Although the intention was for the play area to be open during hours of daylight when the hall was open there were times at weekends when alternative arrangements would have to be made. The hall had also expressed the view that their CCTV system should be extended in order to ensure effective management of the facility and they would investigate the cost of the necessary equipment so that the Council could consider contributing towards the cost.

**Resolved** that:

1. the report be noted;

2. the Chairman and Vice Chairman or in their absence any two members of the Council be authorised to sign the lease on behalf of the Council when the contents have been agreed;
3. the report of the meeting with the Chair of the Hall Committee be noted and further information with regard to extending the CCTV system be awaited;
4. the report of the pre contract meeting be awaited.

### **30. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT BILL**

A consultation document was received from the Welsh Government setting out their proposals to develop and strengthen their approach to sustainable development in Wales. The Welsh Government had invited views by the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2012 on:

- their approach to a sustainable development duty that applies to organisations delivering public services;
- their approach to the role and functions of a new independent sustainable development body;
- the barriers to taking more long-term, joined-up decisions, and how to remove them;
- evidence on promoting sustainable development;
- reviewing existing legal duties and simplifying them in the proposed Sustainable Development Bill;
- the advantages and disadvantages of defining “sustainable development” in law.

**Resolved** that the Welsh Government be informed that the ethos of “thinking differently” conveyed in their consultation document should be applied more realistically to what they expect from community and town councils both as regard the depth of consultation in respect of such matters and the resources that small councils should be expected to commit to idealistic changes.

### **31. EAST PIT REGENERATION – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME**

A letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012 was received from SLR Consulting Ltd who had been commissioned by Oak Regeneration Inc, the owners of the site and Celtic Energy Ltd, the operators to look at the best way to restore the East Pit Opencast Coal Site when mining would have ceased in 4-5 years. A public exhibition and consultation event had been held at Brynaman on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and further events were proposed at various other locations. The intention was to submit a planning application by autumn 2012 which would contain three elements namely, an extension of time to work the existing site, an extension of the working area and the regeneration strategy.

**Resolved** that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be requested to clarify how it regards the proposals that are presently the subject of public consultation in view of the fact that the planning permission granted in 2004 stipulated that the restoration and reinstatement shall be carried out in accordance with that permission;

### **32. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT 2011/12**

**Resolved** that the above report be noted.

### **33. ONE VOICE WALES – ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

**Resolved** that the invitation received for the Council to be represented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference and Annual General Meeting be noted.

### **34. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE WEBSITE**

**Resolved** that the information received relating to the above website established by the Welsh Government and its key partners as a plan to respond to the range of emergencies that may arise in Wales, be noted.

### **35. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance.

**Resolved** that:

1. grants in the following sums be made to the under-mentioned and the Council in accordance with its powers under sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972 incurs the expenditure which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

St Margaret's Church	£100
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Cerddwyr Llynfell Walkers	£100
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2. a grant in the following sum be made to the under-mentioned organisation:

Cwmllynfell and District Bowls Club	£200
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3. consideration of the following applications be deferred for consideration until January 2013 in accordance with the decision contained in minute 160(c)1 of the meeting of the Council held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Royal British Legion – Blast Injury Research Appeal  
Cancer Research UK

4. the letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012 from the Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr OAP Association indicating that they were awaiting a quotation for the proposed works, in respect of which an application for grant had been submitted (minute 160(c)4 refers), be noted.

#### **(b) Payment of Accounts**

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

No			£
1590	St Margaret's Church	Grant	100.00
1591	Cwmllynfell & Dist Bowls Club	Grant	200.00
1592	Cerddwyr Llynfell Walkers	Grant	100.00
1593	Mr A Pedrick	Internal Audit Fee	60.00

### **(c) Banking**

It was reported that a Nat West Fixed Interest Bond was due to mature shortly. The bank would be releasing a new bond in July so the interest rate to be offered was not available as yet.

**Resolved** that the bond be re-invested for 12 months subject to the interest rate that is being offered is favourable.

### **(d) Annual Report and Governance Statement – Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

**Resolved** that the Summary Receipts and Payments Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 having been approved (Minute 160(b) of 19/04/2012 refers), the Council confirms that the Annual Governance Statement for 2011/12 has been presented and to the best of our knowledge and belief and subject to the audit findings, that the responses to each statement of assurance contained therein are accurate, complete and represent the Council's final responses.

## **36. REPORTS**

The following matters were also reported:

South Wales Police Statistics (Note: Statistics include Cefn Bryn Brain and Ystradowen)	All Crime (see categories below)	April	5
	Burglary		1
	Anti Social Behaviour		1
	Vehicle Crime		1
	Violent Crime		1
	Criminal Damage and Arson		1

- Cemetery – repairs to pillar, weed clearance of paving and gate stay required
- East Pit Opencast Coal Site – Restoration proposals – circulate planning permission to members and request Liaison Committee minutes for library.
- Footbridge – path no 14 requiring repair
- Defective drainage rear of Railway Terrace

Councillor C E Richards reported on County Borough Council matters including the following:

- Cycle path
- Grants from wind farm available only to communities affected
- Dog waste bins
- Bryn Road – carriageway markings
- Grass cutting – County Borough Council and Celtic Energy
- Coedffaldau – drainage
- Gwrhyd Quarry – planning permission requiring highway improvements not yet implemented

The meeting terminated at 7.40.