

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CWMLLYNFELL HALL  
ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2012 AT 6.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Lloyd (Chairman) presided  
**COUNCILLORS:** M Evans, R Evans, T H J Kendrick, R P Morgan, D C Phillips,  
J C Rees and D B Thomas.

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

**66. APOLOGIES**

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

**67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

**68. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**69. MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Minute 50(a) - Parc Cymunedol Llynfell Community Park**

It was reported that following receipt of approval from both funding providers an order had been placed with Wicksteed. The contractors had indicated that the commencement date for the project would be the 7<sup>th</sup> December and a pre-contract meeting was scheduled to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> November. A new sign would be erected as part of the project and advice had been sought from RoSPA with regard to the wording on the sign. An order would be placed as soon as the height of the proposed new roadside railings was known

Councillor C E Richards referred to the progress being made on the wall adjoining the highway and reported that in addition to the railings, new stone pillars would be erected to support new gates.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

**(b) Minute 50(b) - East Pit Regeneration – Community Engagement Programme**

It was reported that SLR Consulting would be holding a further exhibition at Cwmllynfell Hall on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

A letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> October 2012 was also received from the Planning Division of the Welsh Government in response to the Council's letter to the First Minister in which it was indicated that the Welsh Government shared the Council's aspiration that land affected by mineral extraction should be restored to a high standard and be suitable for an agreed after use at the earliest opportunity. The Planning Division was however unable to comment further on the particular case in question because

matters of day to day planning control were normally the responsibility of the local planning authority.

The Clerk had written to the Planning Division in response expressing disappointment at the reply and asking for confirmation that the Welsh Government was satisfied either through its own investigations or through consultation with the local planning authority that the owners and operators were unlikely to default on the obligations imposed in the 2004 planning permission.

**Resolved** that the situation be noted and further information awaited.

**(c) Minute 51 - Rhiwfawr Park and Cwmllynfell Cemetery**

The Clerk reported that he had met with Mr A Moore of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to inspect the park and the cemetery at Cwmllynfell. A further cut was due to take place under the Council's contract as the schedule had been delayed by inclement weather. Some routine maintenance of path edges etc would be carried out at the same time.

It was however evident that some trimming and lopping of bushes was required so a quotation was invited for this work and the removal of self seeded trees from Cwmllynfell Cemetery. A quotation in the sum of £267.99 was accordingly received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for carrying out the additional work.

**Resolved** that the quotation received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in the sum of £267.99 for carrying out additional maintenance work as described above be accepted.

**(d) Minute 55 - Police And Crime Commissioners**

**Resolved** that the invitation received from Neath Port Talbot CVS for the Council to be represented at a briefing session on the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2012 be noted.

**(e) Minute 56 - Statutory Guidance – Power to Promote or Improve Economic, Social or Environmental Well-Being**

Further consideration was given to the consultation document received on the above matter.

**Resolved** that the document be noted.

**(f) Minute 60 - Neath Port Talbot Credit Union**

**Resolved** that the date of the December meeting of the Council be changed to the 13<sup>th</sup> December and that a representative of the Credit Union be invited to attend that meeting.

**(g) Minute 62(a) - Financial Matters - Annual Return of Accounts 2011/12**

The Council's Annual Return containing the External Auditor's Certificate and Report dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012 was received. It was confirmed that the information contained in the annual return prepared by the Council was in accordance with the

Auditor General for Wales' requirements. No matters had come to their attention which had given cause for concern and as such it was confirmed that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had been met.

**Resolved** that:

1. the matter be noted;
2. a Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to Inspect the Annual Return be published.
3. in the event of a request being received for a copy of the Annual Return a charge of £2 be made.

## **70. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

A letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 was received from Mr C Margetts the Group Manager of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service in which he requested permission to address the Council in company with a Local member of the Fire Authority to discuss the future of the service within Neath Port Talbot. The Draft Annual Improvement Plan 2013-2014 had been published and comments on the recommendations contained in the plan were invited by the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

**Resolved** that the date of the next meeting of the Council be changed to the 22<sup>nd</sup> November and that Mr Margetts and a member of the Fire Authority be invited to address that meeting.

## **71. INSPECTOR DEAN THOMAS – SOUTH WALES POLICE**

A letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 was received from Inspector Dean Thomas indicating that he would be leaving his post covering Neath and Pontardawe and taking up the Sector Inspector's position in Swansea. He would be replaced at Neath and Pontardawe by Inspector Huw Griffiths.

**Resolved** that the matter be noted

## **72. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolved** that the following items of correspondence be noted:

- Letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council regarding the next meeting of the Liaison Forum on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012;
- Communication dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council regarding the Local Service Board annual seminar to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012;
- Invitation from Cadw to attend a drop-in event to discuss proposed changes to the way they protect our heritage;
- Communication from One Voice Wales regarding the availability of a Planning Training Module provided by Planning Aid Wales;

- Invitation from Neath Port Talbot CVs to attend the Annual General Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012;
- Invitation from Western Power to attend a Stakeholder Workshop
- Public Service Ombudsman’s Guidance on the Code of Conduct
- Cwmamman Town Council – Launch of “Twrch Trwyth” trail – 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> October 2012 – referred to Cwmllynfell Walkers
- One Voice Wales – Training needs survey

## **73. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance

**Resolved** that:

1. that consideration of the following applications be deferred 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.

Bobath Children’s Therapy Centre Wales  
Marie Curie Cancer Care

Note: Councillor Mrs R Evans declared her personal interest in the following application and withdrew from the meeting whilst it was being considered.

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

Rhiwfawr Community Association – Rhiwfawr Hall      £1,500

3. consideration of the amended application from the under-mentioned organisation be deferred until the next meeting so that a balance sheet may be requested:

Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr OAP Association

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

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

No			£
1604	Rhiwfawr Community Association	Grant	1,500.00
1605	Mazars	Audit Fee	162.00
1606	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Fees - Lease Cwmllynfell Park	1,100.00
1607	Payroll	Net Salary September	212.11
1608	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	53.03

## **74. REPORTS**

The following matters were reported:

South Wales Police Statistics	All Crime (see categories below)	August	9
(Note: Statistics include Cefn Bryn Brain and Ystradowen)	Anti Social Behaviour		6
	Vehicle crime		1
	Public Disorder and weapons		2

- PACT – Report of meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012;
- East Pit East Revised OCCS – Liaison Meeting minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2102;
- Royal British Legion Remembrance Service – Cwmllynfell Hall 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012;
- Car Park Gwilym Road – condition of surface.

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

- Tree clearance undertaken at Prospect Place - Gwernant to be carried out;
- East Pit Community Benefit Fund application;
- Celtic Energy grass cutting obligations – review of arrangements;
- New bridge, Lower Cwmtwrch due to be open for one way traffic in December;
- Wembley steps – maintenance.

The meeting terminated at 7.45pm.