

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CWMLLYNFELL HALL
ON THURSDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2013 AT 6.30pm.**

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

118. CONDOLENCES - THE LATE MR MOC THOMAS & THE LATE MR ALED EVANS

The Chairman referred with regret to the fact that Mr Moc Thomas, husband of Mrs Gwenda Thomas AM had passed away. A letter conveying condolences on behalf of the Council had been sent to Mrs Thomas.

The Clerk also referred to the untimely passing of Mr Aled Evans of Cefn Bryn Brain who had in the past carried out technical work on behalf of the Council.

All present stood in silent tribute as a token of respect to the deceased.

119. APOLOGIES

An apology for his absence was received from Councillor R P Morgan.

The Clerk referred to his recent discussion with Mrs Mari Jones who had been absent from meetings for a period of six months and as such had created a vacancy in the office of Councillor representing the Penrhiwfawr Ward. Mrs Jones had indicated that she had intended to tender her resignation as other commitments had prevented her from attending meetings.

120. CASUAL VACANCY – PENRHIWFAWR WARD

Resolved that:

1. the casual vacancy in the office of Councillor representing the Penrhiwfawr Ward be advertised in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972;
2. the Council's best wishes and appreciation for her service as a Councillor and former Chairman be conveyed to Mrs M Jones.

121. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

122. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 17th January 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

123. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 106(a) - Parc Cymunedol Llynfell Community Park

It was reported that good progress had been made on the scheme but some problems had been encountered with regard to the standard of work on the skate park. Wicksteed had arranged for their sub-contractor to return to carry out remedial work. An application to the Welsh Government to fund the cost of a CCTV installation for the park and Cwmllynfell Hall had been successful and an order had been placed for the work to be carried out. Applications to draw down part of the approved grants had been made to the Welsh Government and WREN so that invoices received from Wicksteed could be paid. Further invoices may also have to be paid shortly in order to fulfil the deadline for claiming the balance of the grants.

Resolved that:

1. the report be noted;
2. the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, acting together, or in the event of their being unavailable any other two Members of the Council, acting together, be authorised to approve payments in respect of the scheme as and when required.

(b) Minute 106(c) - Cwmllynfell Post Office

A letter further letter dated 17th January 2013 was received from the Post Office's National Consultation Team to indicate that the current branch would close on the 11th February and the new service would open at 18 Gwilym Road on the 21st February.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

(c) Minute 106(e) - Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Bill – Council Website

A letter was received from the Welsh Government in which it was indicated that the Minister for Local Government and Communities had released £1.25 million additional funding for county and county borough councils to support local democracy and public engagement. Part of this funding was intended to be used to assist in the development of websites for town and community councils so each principal council would receive £500 multiplied by the number of town and community councils within their area.

A communication was also received from One Voice Wales in which it was indicated that the Chief Executive would be working with Welsh Government colleagues to establish how the funding for websites could be best administered and distributed.

Councillor R Davies reported on his investigations into establishing a website and provided details on the hosting of websites. He would undertake a test on establishing a website and would present details to the Council in due course.

Resolved that

1. the information presented be noted;
2. the Council's desire to establish a website be conveyed to One Voice Wales and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council so that it may be included in the allocation of funds as described in the Welsh Government's letter.

(d) Minute 108 - Strong Roots Project – 'Green Futures' Training Programme

Resolved that the further invitation received from One Voice Wales for the Council to be represented at a training event under the above programme, be noted.

(e) Minute 115(d) – Grants to Voluntary Bodies and Other Organisations

Resolved that consideration be given at the next meeting of the Council to establishing a policy on making grants and providing financial assistance to voluntary bodies and other organisations.

124. "UNDERSTANDING THE ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNMENT OF WALES" – COURSE – CARDIFF 28th FEBRUARY 2013

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

125. WEST GLAMORGAN HIGH SHERIFF'S AWARDS 2013

Resolved that:

1. the invitation to nominate for an award anyone in the community who worked voluntarily in the community with young people or young persons who worked voluntarily in their own community be noted;
2. a complaint be made that the invitation to nominate was received too close to the closing date on this occasion.

126. KIDNEY WALES FOUNDATION – "WALK FOR LIFE" EVENT 24th MARCH 2013

Resolved that the request received from the foundation for the Council to support the above event be noted.

127. CONFERENCE – THE WELSH LANGUAGE AND THE CENSUS – TYCROES - 14th MARCH 2013

Resolved that the invitation received from One Voice Wales for the Council to be represented at the above conference be noted.

128. NEATH PORT TALBOT SINGLE INTEGRATED PLAN

A communication was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in which it was announced that a Single Integrated Plan would replace a number of existing plans including the Community Plan 2010-2020, Health, Social Care and Well-being Strategy 2011-2014, Community Safety 2009-2012 and Children and

Young People's Plan 2011-2014. Comments on the proposal were invited by the 18th March 2013.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

129. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Proposed Welsh National Mining Memorial

A letter dated 11th February 2013 was received from the Aber Valley Heritage Group in which it was indicated that a memorial garden and wall of remembrance was being provided on the centenary of the biggest mining disaster in British Mining History that occurred at the Universal (Senghenydd) Colliery on the 14th October 1913.

Funding had also been obtained for a Welsh National Memorial to all miners and others who had lost their lives in the Welsh coalfields. It was also the Heritage Group's intention to create a "Pathway of Memory" to commemorate deaths at other collieries. Paviers could be purchased at a cost of some £500 each on which the individual colliery, date of disaster and numbers killed would be recorded. Local Authorities, including Community Councils were being invited to contribute.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

(b) Ramblers' Association - Subscription

Further to Minute 42(b) of the meeting of the Council held on the 19th July 2012, a letter dated 5th February 2013 was received from the Ramblers' Association to indicate that they had reduced their affiliation subscription from £95 to £55. As such affiliated organisations such as the Council were being offered a refund of the difference in price, or a membership extension of 12 months or to allow the Association to retain the difference as a donation.

Resolved that the Ramblers' Association be informed that the Council wishes to extend its membership for 12 months.

(c) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1628	Wicksteed Ltd	Stage payment Parc Cymunedol	38,571.64
		Llynfell Community Park	
1629	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Annual Grounds Maintenance	4,543.64
1630	Payroll	Net salary January	212.11
1625	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	53.03

(d) Rhiwfawr Park – Maintenance

The Clerk reported that he had carried out an assessment of maintenance work that was required at Rhiwfawr Park and had invited Mr Paul Fox of Paul's Plant Hire to quote for work comprising the laying of a fine stone dressing to the paths, repairs to

the plastic boardwalk and fencing, minor drainage work, painting of goal posts and filling depressions around the goal areas.

Resolved that the quotation in the sum of £2,153.48 from Paul's Plant Hire for carrying out the work as described above be accepted.

130. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning Application

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

App No:

P2013/0112 Single storey rear extension at 21 Walters Road, Cwmllynfell

(b) Powys Local Development Plan

Resolved that the newsletter received from Powys County Council on the preparation of a Local Development Plan to replace the current Unitary Development Plan be noted.

131. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

South Wales Police Statistics	All Crime (see categories below)	December	4
(Note: Statistics include Cefn Bryn Brain and Ystradowen)	Anti Social Behaviour		2
	Violent Crime		2

- PACT meeting;
- Blaennant Road – drainage and surfacing;
- Wembley steps - drainage;
- Sewage spillage Caedu/Railway line;
- Drainage defects Railway Terrace/ former railway track;
- Condition of conifer trees Heol Daniel;
- Road markings Bryn Road;
- Animal trespass fencing Bryn Road.

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

- Cwmtwrch Bridge temporary closure to complete work;
- Penydarren Colliery –consideration of planning application pending;
- Gwrhyd Quarry – appointment of liaison Committee pending.

The meeting terminated at 8.00pm.