

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE CWMLLYNFELL HALL  
ON THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2013 AT 6.15 pm.**

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

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

**132. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors R Evans and R P Morgan.

**133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

**134. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of a note that Councillor C E Richards (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) was in attendance.

**135. MATTERS ARISING**

**(a) Minute 123(a) - Parc Cymunedol Llynfell Community Park**

It was reported that the CCTV system for the park and Cwmllynfell Hall had been completed. A saving had been achieved on the contract as the cameras for the park had been mounted on extensions to the posts for the ball court rather than on a separate column. The saving that had been achieved together with the saving in the legal fees totalled £1,785 which was available to be spent on additional work at the park.

Enquiries had been made of Wicksteed with regard to painting the surface of the ball court prior to line painting so as to improve its appearance following the repairs that had been carried out to the tarmac. The sum quoted for painting the surface in a blue colour was £2,500 and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Had agreed to contribute £715 to meet the shortfall in the remaining budget that the Council had available. Accordingly an order for painting had been placed with Wicksteed which would be carried out as soon as weather conditions permitted.

Remedial work had been carried out to the surface of the skate-park but water continued to collect in the depressions in the surface. The matter had been reported to Wicksteed's Installation Manager who had promised to investigate the matter following his return from holiday at the end of March.

The design and wording of a name sign and a safety signs was being worked on. The required signs could prove more costly that the sum included by Wicksteed

within their contract so discussions were taking place with a local company with a view to sourcing the signs at a more advantageous price and as close as possible to the sum budgeted.

RoSPA had carried out a Post Installation inspection on behalf of Wicksteed and the report that had been produced was favourable in all respects.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council had continued to carry out work to improve the environs of the park and some tarmacdaming was due to be carried out at the approach into the park.

**Resolved** that:

1. the report be noted;
2. authority be given to incur a reasonable amount of additional expenditure on the purchase of signs if deemed necessary.

**(b) Minute 123(e) – Policy on making Grants to Voluntary Bodies and Other Organisations**

Consideration was given to a draft policy on the making of grants to voluntary bodies and other organisations.

**Resolved** that the policy as amended at the meeting be circulated prior to the next meeting of the Council at which consideration shall be given to its ratification.

**136. PROPOSED WORKS ON CEFN GWRHYD COMMON – AWEL AMAN TAWE**

A copy of a letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2013 from the Welsh Government to Awel Aman Tawe was received in which the applications in respect of works on common land (one wind turbine and associated works) under section 194 of the Law of Property Act 1925 and under section 147 of the Inclosure Act 1845 had been allowed.

**Resolved** that the matter be noted

**137. REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL - BETHAN JENKINS AM**

A letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> March was received from the above Assembly Member in which she asked whether she could speak to the Council in the near future about her work and to answer questions.

**Resolved** that Ms Jenkins be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council.

**138. WESTERN POWER – STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP**

**Resolved** that the invitation for the Council to be represented at a stakeholder workshop be noted.

## **139. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

**Resolved** that consideration of the following application for financial assistance be deferred until the meeting of the Council in January 2014:

Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot, Cardiff Institute for the Blind -  
Trading as Cardiff, Vales and Valleys

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

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

No			£
1632	One Voice Wales	Subscription	141.00
1633	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Christmas Lighting	2860.31
1634	Paul's Plant Hire	Work at Rhiwfawr Park	2562.58
1635	Property & Life Protection Systems	CCTV Hall & Park	6386.32
1636	Payroll	Net salary February	212.11
1637	Inland Revenue	Income Tax	53.03

### **(c) H M Revenue and Customs – “Real Time” – PAYE**

A letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013 was received from H M Revenue and Customs in which it was indicated that with effect from the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2013 employers would have to start reporting PAYE information every time an employee was paid at the time they were paid using payroll software to send the information electronically.

The Clerk reported that although his salary on its own would not be taxable the voluntary arrangement that had been in place was to deduct and pay tax at the standard rate. In view of the new arrangements it could prove less onerous to pay gross salary thereby allowing the Clerk to make his own arrangements with regard to the payment of tax on the income. The matter would be investigated and a further report would be made.

**Resolved** that further information be awaited.

## **140. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **(a) Planning Application**

**Resolved** that:

1. Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be informed that the Council is concerned about the means of access to the following development and the cumulative effect that the additional traffic will have on the roads in the area, as such the council reserves the right to comment further on this aspect of the development and other matters when additional information about the proposal has been assessed;

App No:  
P2013/0212 Proposed surface coal mining (opencast coal development) and associated reclamation of abandoned opencast coal site, Fforch Egel Farm, Gwrhyd Road, Pontardawe

2. no objection be raised to the following planning application:

App No:  
P2012/1010 Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension at Troed Rhiw Felin Farm, Gwrhyd Road, Pontardawe.

### **(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.

## **141. REPORTS**

The following matters were reported:

South Wales Police Statistics	All Crime (see categories below)	January	6
(Note: Statistics include Cefn Bryn Brain and Ystradowen)	Anti Social Behaviour		3
	Criminal Damage and arson		1
	Drugs		1
	Violent Crime		1

- Police Neighbourhood News;
- Neath Port Talbot Area Committee;
- One Voice Wales – Training;
- Welsh Government’s New Regeneration Framework – “Vibrant and Viable Places”;
- Council Website progress;
- Dog Fouling and location of bins;
- Cemetery Bin;
- Cemetery Improvements;

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

- Carriageway road markings – Bryn Road - Penrhiwfawr
- Bus – request stop;
- Animal Fencing – meeting with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Officers imminent;
- Cwmllynfell RFC – Swalec Plate quarter final winners
- East Pit East Revised Opencast Coal Site – planning application – extension of time pending.

The meeting terminated at 8.20pm.