

**CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CWMLLYNFELL HALL  
ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013 AT 6.15 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor R M Davies (Vice-Chairman) presided  
**COUNCILLORS:** M Evans, N L A Price, J C Rees and D B Thomas.

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

**39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for their absence was received from Councillors R Evans, T H J Kendrick, D Lloyd, R P Morgan, D C Phillips and S Williams.

**40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D B Thomas declared his interest in Agenda Item 7(a) – Application for Financial Assistance – Cwmllynfell & Rhiwfawr OAP Association.

**41. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**42. MATTERS ARISING - MINUTE 26(A) – CWMLLYNFELL CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS**

The Clerk reported that as a result of Cllr C E Richards' intervention officers of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council had made some progress in the preparation of a scheme for the proposed improvement works with a view to inviting tenders from the list that had been approved by the Council on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 (Minute 125(d) refers).

The Council was reminded that according to the terms of the grant that had been approved by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council the work should be completed and the grant claimed before the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013 and it was suggested that the County Borough Council be requested to extend the deadline.

**Resolved** that:

1. the situation be noted;
2. a request be made to the Director of Finance and Corporate Services of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the grant deadline to be extended if deemed necessary.

**43. PLAY SUFFICIENCY ASSESSMENT**

The presiding Chairman welcomed Ms Allison Harris, Play Coordinator - Neath Port Talbot Children and Young People's Partnership who had been invited to the meeting in order to give a presentation on the above assessment.

Ms Harris explained that the Play Sufficiency Assessment measured the quality and quantity of play opportunities available to children and young people from birth to 17 years. The duty to carry out such an assessment had been introduced

by the Children and Families (Wales) Measure. Details were presented of the assessment in relation to the facilities in the Community.

The presiding Chairman thanked Ms Harries for attending the meeting and for her informative presentation.

The attention of the Council was drawn to the fact that Cwmllynfell Primary School's field should be available for community use in recognition of the contribution that the Council had made towards improvement works. Councillor C E Richards (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) undertook to pursue enquiries in connection with the matter.

**Resolved** that Cllr Richards' undertaking be noted.

#### **44. MATTERS ARISING (CONTINUED)**

##### **(a) Minute 26(b) - Parc Cymunedol Llynfell Community Park – Official Opening**

It was reported that the First Minister the Rt. Hon. Carwyn Jones AM had indicated that he was in principle prepared to officially open the park when visiting the area. The Clerk reminded the Council that plenary powers had already been granted to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor J C Rees to authorise arrangements for the official opening (Minute 26(b) of the meeting of the Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013 refers).

**Resolved** that the First Minister's acceptance of the Council's invitation to officially open the park on a date to be agreed be welcomed and further information be awaited.

##### **(b) Minute 26(e) - Town and Community Councils – Development of Websites**

A letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council together with an agreement to enable the Council to apply for the relevant funding of up to £500 to assist in the development or enhancement of a website. The grant would be paid only when the project had been completed to the satisfaction of the County Borough Council.

**Resolved** that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to sign the agreement on behalf of the Council if the terms are deemed appropriate

##### **(c) Minute 28 - Review of Communities and Electoral Arrangements**

Consideration was given to the submission of comments in respect of the above review.

**Resolved** that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be informed that as the Community of Cwmllynfell comprising the Community Wards of Cwmllynfell and Penrhiwfawr is coterminous with the Cwmllynfell Electoral Division of the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot the present community boundaries and electoral arrangements reflect natural democracy and a sense of identity and as such there should be no change to the existing arrangements.

#### **45. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES – ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13**

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

#### **46. SOUTH WALES POLICE – PERFORMANCE FIGURES**

A letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013 was received from Inspector Huw Griffiths in which he provided an update on the Police Force's performance. Crime levels were the lowest for over 30 years and during 2012 crime had fallen 5.4%.

**Resolved** that:

1. the information be noted;
2. it be suggested to Inspector Griffiths that consideration be given to arranging open days similar to the one held at Neath Police Station at other locations in the area.

#### **47. RoSPA – ANNUAL INSPECTION – RHIWFAWR PARK**

The annual safety inspection report in respect of the park at Rhiwfawr was received from RoSPA. Overall, the report was favourable and the only action recommended was as follows:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Recommended Task</u>	<u>Task Notes</u>
BMX track	Safety Zone – obstacles comprising fence at side of track	Discuss with the manufacturer or supplier	No action required
Multi-play area	Access fails entrapment requirements of the relevant standard due to the possibility of entrapment	Monitor and check on routine basis	
Safety surfacing	Bracket Corrosion	Repair item	
Swing toddler	Debris – Metal – paintwork not in good condition	Remove debris De-rust and coat with paint meeting EN 1176 – 4.1.1 [1998]	
Safety surfacing	Surface depression of at least 25mm over 600mm	Monitor hollow under surface	

**Resolved** that:

1. the report be noted;
2. Accurate Inspections Ltd be requested to provide a quotation for repairing the corroded bracket and painting the toddler swing.

#### **48. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **(a) Application for Financial Assistance - Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr Branch – National OAP Association of South Wales**

Further consideration was given to the application from the above organisation.

**Resolved** that a grant of £400 be made to the organisation towards maintenance and groundwork costs.

**(b) Christmas Lights 2013**

**Resolved** that:

1. a quotation received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in a letter dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 in respect of the Christmas lights for 2013 which was made up as follows, be accepted:

Erection, dismantling and maintenance	£2,116.00 plus VAT
Estimated Energy Cost: 2302 Kwh x £0.1423	£372.58 plus VAT

2. an application towards the above costs be made to the East Pit East Revised Community Benefit Fund

**(c) Payment of Accounts**

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

No			£
1651	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA safety inspection	78.00
1652	Neath Port Talbot CVS	Subscription	10.00
1653	Payroll	Gross salary June	265.14
1654	Cwmllynfell & Rhiwfawr OAP	Grant	400.00

**49. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Resolved** that the following observations be submitted in respect of the under-mentioned planning applications:

**P2012/0758 - Pen y Darren, Cwm Du, Godre'rgraig**

The Council notes that the Transport Statement continues to indicate that lorries will travel through Rhiwfawr and Cwmllynfell and as such it wishes to reiterate its objection on highway grounds. The Council would however not object if the means of access was through Lower Cwmtwrch utilising the new bridge. The Council also notes that improvements to the visibility splay are proposed at the point of access onto the public highway below Graig Twrch. Concern has been expressed locally about the possible danger to other road users that could occur at the point of access and as such the County Borough Council, if minded to grant permission, is urged to ensure that the proposed improvements to the visibility splay are satisfactory in order to obviate any danger that would be caused by the traffic that would be generated by the development.

**P2013/0592 - Gwrhyd Specialist Stone Quarry**

The Council welcomes and supports the details relating to the establishment of a Site Liaison committee and Technical Working Party.

The Council would not in principle raise an objection to a limited extension of time of three years from the 30th November 2012 for working within the perimeters of the site which was the subject of the 2004 planning permission, subject to there being appropriate safeguards, compliance with MTAN2 and the conditions imposed in the 2004 permission and subject also to the deposit of a bond with the Local Planning Authority jointly by the applicants and the owners of the site to cover the entire cost of a restoration scheme for the area of the 2004 planning permission which complies fully with the conditions imposed in that planning permission (P/2002/917 & A-PP 185-07-014).

## **50. DELEGATION ARRANGEMENTS – AUGUST RECESS**

**Resolved** that 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 discharge the functions of the Council in respect of any matter referred to them by the Clerk of the Council as requiring urgent attention before the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

## **51. REPORTS**

The following matters were also reported:

South Wales Police Statistics (within 1 mile of centre of Cwmllynfell)	All Crime (see categories below)	May	6
	Anti Social Behaviour		2
	Burglary		2
	Criminal damage and arson		1
	Other theft		1

- Trees requiring attention at Heol y Coedcae
- Land Trust involvement in the East Pit East Revised Opencast Coal Site
- Proposed local publication regarding benefits
- Proposed fencing Bryn Road/Coedffaldau

**Resolved** that a representative of the Land Trust be invited to a future meeting to discuss their involvement in the East Pit Site.

The meeting terminated at 8.10pm.