

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD AT
CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST 2013 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

52. MRS C M PHILLIPS – CEMETERY RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

The Chairman welcomed Mrs C M Phillips to the meeting in order to participate in discussions about the improvements to Cwmllynfell Cemetery.

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors R M Davies, D Lloyd, R P Morgan and C E Richards (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council).

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

55. CWMLLYNFELL CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

Plans and an estimate of the cost of a scheme that had been prepared on the Council's behalf by an officer of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the carrying out of improvements at the cemetery were presented. The scheme which was designed to make the new lawn section suitable for use included a limited amount of ground work and seeding, construction of a roadway, foundations for one row of headstones, the construction of graves for the burial of cremated remains and a landscaped area near the entrance to the cemetery. The cost had been estimated at £18,826.72 which together with the fee of 10% that would be charged by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council would marginally exceed the Council's budget provision. A grant of £14,000 had been approved by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council under its Minor Projects Scheme which represented 70% of the cost subject a maximum expenditure of £20,000. Cwmllynfell Community Council contribution would therefore be £6,000.

The grant had been approved in 2010 with a time limit of three years to carry out the work which would expire on the 28th September 2013. An application had therefore been made for an extension of time in order to complete the scheme which would be considered at the next meeting of the County Borough Council's Policy and Resources Board.

The meeting adjourned in order to carry out an inspection of the area and an assessment of the proposed scheme.

Resolved that the proposed scheme be approved as the basis for inviting tenders for the work from the select list of tenderers approved by the Council on the 16th February 2012 (Minute 125(d) refers)

56. NEATH PORT TALBOT BUS SERVICES COMMENCING 26th/27th AUGUST 2013

Resolved that the letter dated 17th July from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in which details were provided of new services to be operated by Select Local Bus Services be noted.

57. REVIEW OF MAPS SHOWING OPEN COUNTRY AND REGISTERED COMMON LAND IN WALES

A communication was received in which it was indicated that Natural Resources Wales was continuing the review work on the above-mentioned maps that had been started by the Countryside Council for Wales. The review was required by law to be carried out at least every ten years and it had been started on the 16th July 2012. Natural Resources Wales intended to issue a new all Wales provisional map on the 7th August 2013. Any person with a legal interest in land shown on the map as open country or registered common land could appeal to the Welsh Ministers against the showing of the land on the map as registered common land or open country before the 7th November 2013.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

58. FINANCIAL MATTERS – PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the following account be paid:

1655	Payroll	Gross salary July	265.14
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59. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning Applications

Resolved that the following observations be submitted in respect of the abovementioned planning applications:

1. no objection be raised to the following application:

App No:

P2013/0658 Details to be agreed in association with condition 3 of planning permission P2012/0366 (Code for Sustainable Homes) on land adjacent to former 24-25 Ochr y Waun, Cwmllynfell.

2. the following application be supported:

App No:

P2013/0620 Formation of 2.5m wide pedestrian Footpath/Cycle track on former railway track – Disused railway Line, rear/adjacent to Is-y-Bryniau and Railway Terrace, Cwmllynfell.

3. an objection be raised against the following application as the site will not provide sufficient car parking for the proposed development and the existing adjacent flats:

App No:

P2013/0397 Detached building incorporating 2no 2 bedroom apartments and new car parking area for existing adjacent flats on land adjacent to Samuels Court and 24 Samuels Road, Cwmllynfell.

(b) Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan – Focused Changes and Supplementary Planning Guidance Consultation

Resolved that the letter dated 30th July 2013 from Carmarthenshire County Council inviting comments on the above consultation be noted.

(c) Planning Applications Awaiting Determination – East Pit East Revised Opencast Coal Site – Application Nos. P2012/1073 and P2013/0530

Resolved that in addition to the observations that had been submitted on behalf of the Council in relation to the above applications as detailed below, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be also informed that it is the view of the Council that any permission that is granted should also include specific provision for communities that are affected by the development to receive prescribed community benefits.

“App No: - P2012/1073

As the proposed development is the subject of one planning application albeit partly dealing with matters of outline and partly dealing with matters of detail, the Council wishes to make an objection to the entire application as it defies the requirements of Mineral Technical Notes 2 and as it defies the conditions imposed in the planning permission in respect of the East Pit East Revised Opencast Coal Site granted in 2004 (P/2002/917 & A-PP 185-07-014);

The County Borough Council and the Welsh Government be notified that the Council would not in principle raise an objection to a limited extension of time 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 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) and in particular that the development excludes the abandonment of a massive water filled void which by a misnomer by the applicants is termed to be a lake;

Additionally Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in co-operation with the Welsh Government should carry out a comprehensive assessment of the situation that prevails at the entire East Pit site so as to ensure that there is correct restoration in accordance with planning permissions that have been granted previously including the 2004 permission with appropriate measures being incorporated so as to reduce the deprivation in surrounding communities by improving road, rail, footpath and cycleway communications thereby improving and enhancing the area and attracting inward investment by the creation of employment opportunities. Such measures should **not** include the creation of a lake / reservoir from an opencast void which would be a source of danger and the possible cause of flooding”.

“P2013/0530 - Section 73A application

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)”.

**60. PARC CYMUNEDOL LLYNFELL COMMUNITY PARK
OFFICIAL OPENING – 12th SEPTEMBER 2013**

It was reported that the Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM. First Minister of Wales had agreed to officially open the park on the 12th September 2013. The Council was reminded that a Committee comprising the Chairman, Vice Chairman and

Councillor J C Rees had been granted plenary powers to discharge the functions of the Council in order to make arrangements for the official opening (Minute 26(b) of the 20th June 2013 refers). It was accordingly suggested that the powers be extended to allow for expenditure to be incurred on the arrangements for the opening and to provide refreshments for the invited guests.

Resolved that the plenary powers referred to above be extended to allow for the necessary expenditure.

61. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

South Wales Police Statistics (within 1 mile of centre of Cwmllynfell)	All Crime (see categories below)	June	8
	Anti Social Behaviour		3
	Burglary		2
	Drugs		2
	Violence and sexual offences		1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Pit East Revised Opencast Coal Site – Mine manager’s Site Progress Report • PACT meeting – 8th August 2013 • Fracking Licences - enquiries • Parc Cymunedol Llynfell Community Park – Litter picking arrangements 			

The meeting terminated at 7.50pm