

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD AT
CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2013 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

ATTENDING: Councillor C E Richards (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council)

98. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for his absence was received from Councillor T H J Kendrick.

99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

**100. COUNTY BOROUGH OF NEATH PORT TALBOT – LIBRARY SERVICE
REVIEW – CWMLLYNFELL LIBRARY**

In accordance with Minute 90(d) of the last meeting consideration was given to the implications of the Library Review for Cwmllynfell Library and in particular whether the Community Council would become involved in the running of the library in the future. The Council reflected on the discussions and the wish to retain the library that had emerged at the public meeting held on the 4th November and the discussions that had taken place at the joint meeting with representatives of Cwmllynfell Hall on the 12th November.

Resolved that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council be informed that it is the Community Council's intention to be involved in the running of the library on a voluntary basis subject to further clarification of the support that the County Borough Council will provide in the servicing of the library (e.g. provision of books, training of volunteers etc.) and subject also to further clarification of the financial implications of the Community Council's involvement especially with regard to whether the room at Cwmllynfell Hall that is used as a library would qualify for relief from paying the National Non Domestic Rate in view of the fact that "Cwmllynfell Welfare Hall and Recreation Ground" is a registered charity.

101. CWMLLYNFELL CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

It was reported that progress was being made in the work at the cemetery and that savings were likely to be achieved on the tender sum. Cwmnantlleici Quarry had agreed to donate stone to the scheme which would contribute towards the savings.

Resolved that the report be noted and the Council's gratitude for the donation of materials be conveyed to the Manager of Cwmnantlleici Quarry.

102. DEPOSIT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – SETTLEMENT LIMIT RHIWFAWR

Further to minute 90(f) of the last meeting it was reported that a communication had been received from the Team Leader – Planning Policy in response to the Community Council's suggestion that the County Borough Council identify a settlement limit that it would be prepared to consider within the Rhiwfawr and

Coedffaldau “envelope” that the Community Council had identified. The response however indicated that they reaffirmed their position that it would not in their opinion be appropriate to provide the Community Council with a possible LDP settlement limit but suggesting that the best course of action would be for the Council to consider as its starting point the settlement limit as defined in the adopted Unitary Development Plan. It was also indicated that the County Borough Council would carry out a further consultation in January 2014 on Alternative Sites representations received during the Deposit Plan period and the settlement limit for Rhiwfawr would be one such representation.

The Clerk therefore produced a plan showing a possible settlement limit for the Council’s consideration which was based on the UDP plan with cognisance taken of the “envelope” that the Council had identified.

Resolved that:

1. the plan showing the suggested settlement limit be submitted to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and that they be informed that the Community Council contends that the area identified by a red line together with the UDP settlement limit should be included within a Rhiwfawr and Coedffaldau settlement limit in the Local Development Plan;
2. it be noted that the County Borough Council will consult further in January on "Alternative Sites" representations and as such the County Borough Council is requested in respect of Rhiwfawr to note and acknowledge in that consultation that its classification of Rhiwfawr as a "dormitory settlement" was erroneous as the village has three of the four facilities which define “Small Local Centres” in the Settlement Review/Urban Capacity Study, namely a community hall, church (chapel) and park/public open space and until Rhiwfawr School was closed it had all four of the examples given in the study for small local centres;

The meeting terminated at 8.03pm