

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CWMLLYNFELL HALL ON
THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2013 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

103. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillor T H J Kendrick and Councillor C E Richards (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council).

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

105. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 21st November and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 28th November 2013 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

106. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minutes No 90(a) & 101 - Cwmllynfell Cemetery Improvements

It was reported that reasonable progress was being made on the scheme despite the fact that the contractors were having to phase the work in order to maintain access to some areas for plant and machinery without disturbing new work in other areas. Work had however now been suspended over the Christmas and New Year period. The contractor had submitted an invoice for part payment of the contract sum which had been certified by the Supervising Officer (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council).

The Clerk also reported that during a recent inspection it had been discovered that a section of the boundary wall at the lower end of the cemetery had collapsed. Quotations had therefore been obtained for rebuilding the section of wall as follows:

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| 1. £6,750 + VAT | Based on a wall length of approximately 5 metres including the laying of a new foundation |
| 2. £380 + VAT | Per linear metre |
| £100 + VAT | Laying foundation per linear metre |
| (Total £2,400) | Based on a wall length of 5 metres |

Resolved that:

1. the progress report on the cemetery improvements be noted;
2. the quotation from Ian Davies Plant Ltd as indicated in 2. above be accepted.

(b) Minute 90(b) – Gwrhyd Quarry Site Liaison Committee

Further consideration was given to the appointment of residents' representatives to serve on the above committee. Cwmllynfell School had not responded to the suggestion that a representative of the governing body be appointed as one of the residents' representatives. No other expression of interest had been received either from local residents.

Resolved that:

1. Councillor Steven Williams be appointed to serve as a Residents' Representative on the Site Liaison Committee;
2. Cwmllynfell School be given another opportunity to appoint a residents' representative but in the event of their not wishing to be represented Mr V B Fox of Hedreforgan Farm, Rhiwfawr be appointed to fill the vacancy.

(c) Minute 90(f) - Planning - Deposit Local Development Plan

Resolved that it be noted that the County Borough Council will consult further on "Alternative Sites" representations, including the Community Council's submissions about the Rhiwfawr Settlement Limit in January 2014.

(d) Minute 100 - County Borough of Neath Port Talbot – Library Service Review

A communication was received from the County Librarian in which information was conveyed regarding the claiming of relief for the National Non Domestic Rates for the Library. As no charitable relief could be granted to a Precepting Authority the Community Council would not qualify for relief.

Resolved that the situation be noted and borne in mind during further discussions about the future running of the library.

107. PROPOSED REVOCATION AND REMAKING OF THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (WALES) REGULATIONS 2005

A letter dated 22nd November 2013 was received from the Welsh Government inviting comments on the proposal to remake the above regulations.

Resolved that the Welsh Government be informed that the proposal to make the regulations easier to follow should also include a reduction in the scale of fees.

108. REVISED MODEL STANDING ORDERS

A communication was received from One Voice Wales indicating that the Model Standing Orders had been revised to reflect legal changes.

Resolved that consideration be given to revising the Council's Standing Orders in due course.

109. WAR MEMORIALS

A communication dated 29th November 2013 was received from One Voice Wales who had met with Cadw, CyMal and the War Memorials Trust to discuss issues around war memorials in light of the forthcoming centenary of World War

1. Information was also provided on the advice and guidance provided by the War Memorials Trust on a range of war memorial issues including support for the repair and conservation of war memorials through grant schemes. One Voice Wales was therefore asking member councils to submit information on War Memorials in their area to War Memorials Online.

Resolved that:

1. the information be conveyed to Cwmllynfell Hall and discussions be entered into with the Hall Committee with regard to any work on the plaques that is considered necessary;
2. War Memorials Online be notified that the local War Memorial Plaques are located at Cwmllynfell Hall.

110. GLAMORGAN FLAG

A communication dated 29th November 2013 was received from the Historic Counties Trust in which it was indicated that an official flag for Glamorgan had recently been registered by the Flag Institute and included in the UK Flag Registry. The trust had purchased 100 flags to give away to bodies within the preserved county that were interested in flying the flag.

Resolved that the information be conveyed to Cwmllynfell Hall.

111. BRYNHENLLYS – PROPOSED SOLAR FARM

Resolved that the information received concerning the above proposal including the recent “drop-in” session be noted.

112. APPROPRIATE SUM UNDER SECTION 137 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

A letter dated 4th December 2013 was received from the Welsh Government in which notification was given that for the financial year 2014 -15 the discretionary expenditure limit for the purposes of section 137 would be increased to £7.20 per local government elector.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

113. PRECEPT AND COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR 2014/15

Resolved that the letter dated 6th December from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council giving notification that the Council Tax Base for 2014/15 which will be used to calculate the Council Tax in Band D in respect of the Council's precept will be 368.89.

114. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME REVIEW

A communication dated 12th December 2013 was received from One Voice Wales in which attention was drawn to the Welsh Government's consultation on their aim to develop a Council Tax Reduction scheme which was equitable and sustainable and which delivered the maximum protection for low income and vulnerable households. The consultation period would end on the 5th March 2014.

Resolved that the matter be considered at the meeting of the Council in February 2014

115. PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

Resolved that the joint letter dated 18th December 2013 from One Voice Wales and the Welsh Local Government Association together with the Memorandum of Understanding between the bodies be noted.

116. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following accounts be paid:

1665	T Richard Jones (Betws) Ltd	Stage Payment Cemetery Improvements	£20,000.00
1666	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Payment on account – Commercial Bin	£55.78
1667	Society of Local Council Clerks	Subscription	£7.00
1668	Payroll	Salary November	£67.80

(b) Application for Financial assistance – Marie Curie

Resolved that it be noted that an application had been received from the above organisation that had been requested to complete an application form and provide additional information in accordance with the Council's policy.

117. PLANNING MATTERS - PLANNING APPLICATION

Resolved that the County Borough Council be requested to indicate in respect of the following proposed development whether the planning requirements in respect of parking and the impact on adjoining properties have been met:

App No:
P2013/0397 Detached building incorporating 2-2 bedroom apartments and new car parking area on land adjacent to Samuels Court and 2-4 Samuels Road, Cwmllynfell

118. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

South Wales Police Statistics	All Crime (see categories below)	October	6
	Anti Social Behaviour		3
	Burglary		2
	Violence and sexual offences		1

- PACT Meetings 2014
- New lighting columns causing flooding – Mynydd Bach, Rhiw Road, Rhiwfawr;
- Safe Routes to school consultation – implications for Rhiwfawr.

The meeting terminated at 8.02pm.