

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT CWMLLYNFELL HALL
ON THURSDAY 15th MAY 2014 AT 6.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillor R M Davies (Vice Chairman) presiding pro-tem
COUNCILLORS: M Evans, D Lloyd, R P Morgan, D C Phillips, J C Rees, and
D B Thomas.

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2014/15

Resolved that Councillor Richard M Davies be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor R M Davies then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct.

Councillor R M Davies (Chairman) presiding

The Chairman paid tribute to the manner in which Councillor Ruth Evans had carried out her duties during her year of office which had been a busy and eventful year including the development of Parc Cymunedol Llynfell Community Park and its official opening by the First Minister the Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM.

The Chairman also thanked his colleagues and the Clerk of the Council for their commitment and service during the year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2014/15

Resolved that Councillor John C Rees be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing Municipal Year.

Councillor J C Rees then subscribed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking to comply with the Council's Code of Conduct.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for his absence was received from Councillor N L A Price.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

5. DAY, HOUR AND VENUE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Resolved that:

1. future ordinary meetings during the ensuing municipal year be held at the following venues at 6.30pm. (6.15pm. when the Council is due to receive a presentation or address) on the third Wednesday at Rhiwfawr and the third Thursday at Cwmllynfell of each month, other than the month of August when there is no meeting;

Rhiwfawr Hall
(Third Wednesday of the month)

June 2014
September 2014

April 2015

Cwmllynfell Hall
Third Thursday of the month)

July 2014
October 2014
November 2014
December 2014
January 2015
February 2015
March 2015
May 2015 (Annual Meeting)

2. the above arrangements be varied if necessary, as circumstances require, at the discretion of the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.

6. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Resolved that:

1. a Cemetery and Environment Committee be appointed comprising all Members of the Council.
2. a Rhiwfawr Park Liaison Committee be appointed comprising the following members to promote the use of the facilities at the park and to liaise with local organisations and individuals to encourage voluntary effort in managing and monitoring the use of facilities:

Councillors:
Chairman
Cllr R Evans
Cllr N L A Price

Councillors:
Vice-Chairman
Cllr R P Morgan

7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) Governing Bodies of Local Schools

Resolved that it be noted that the under-named school governor had been appointed to represent the Council on the governing body of the following school and that the term of office was as follows:

Cwmllynfell School - Councillor R M Davies - term of office expires May 2016

(b) Cwmllynfell Hall Committee

Resolved that:

1. the Chairman Councillor R M Davies be authorised to represent the Council at meetings of the Committee of Cwmllynfell Hall;
2. in the event of the Chairman being unavailable to attend a particular meeting the Vice-Chairman Councillor J C Rees be authorised to deputise.

(c) One Voice Wales

Resolved that:

1. the Council be represented on the above-mentioned association by the Chairman, Councillor R M Davies and the Vice-Chairman Councillor J C Rees;
2. Councillor D Lloyd be appointed to deputise in the event of either representative being unable to attend;
3. Councillor R P Morgan be appointed as the Council's Training Champion to liaise with One Voice Wales on training matters.

(d) Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council - Liaison Forum

Resolved that:

1. the Council be represented on the above Liaison Forum by the Chairman, Councillor R M Davies and the Vice-Chairman Councillor J C Rees;
2. Councillor D Lloyd be appointed to deputise in the event of either representative being unable to attend.

(e) Cwm Nant Lleici Site Liaison Committee

Resolved that the Council be represented on the above Committee by Councillor R P Morgan.

(f) South Wales Police - Spotlight on Police Meetings & Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings

Resolved that the Council be represented on the above by Councillor R P Morgan.

(g) East Pit East Revised Opencast Site Liaison Committee

Resolved that the Council be represented on the Liaison Committee by Councillor D C Phillips.

(h) Gwrhyd Quarry Site Liaison Committee

Resolved that the Council be represented on the Liaison Committee by Councillors R P Morgan and N L A Price.

(i) Aman Group of Local Councils

Resolved that the Council be represented on the above group by the Chairman, Councillor R M Davies and the Vice Chairman Councillor J C Rees.

8. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 16th April 2013 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minutes 166(a) - Cwmllynfell Cemetery Improvements

The Clerk reported that in confirming acceptance of the quotation from T Richard Jones (Betws) Ltd for carrying out further work to make the disturbed area suitable for seeding he had emphasised that the amount of work to be carried out to achieve a satisfactory finish should be adjusted if it was possible to achieve savings on the quoted price. T Richard Jones (Betws) Ltd had confirmed that seeding would be carried out as soon weather conditions permitted and top soil of a satisfactory quality was available.

It was also reported that an enquiry had been received as to the possibility of memorial kerbstones or plaques being installed in the cemetery to enable deceased persons to be commemorated. The Clerk had enquired with regard to the practice implemented by the Council of the City and County of Swansea at Morrision and the owners of Llanelli Crematorium and the following information with regard to costs had been ascertained:

Morrision:	Kerbstone with one name --	£445	
Llanelli:	Inscribed plaque on Octagonal Planter -	£345	£850
		(10 years)	(25 years)
	Kerbs --	£385	£965
		(10 years)	(25 years)

A local monumental mason had indicated that a kerb would cost £100 to supply which together with the cost of inscribing and installation would bring the total cost to approximately the prices quoted for Morrision and Llanelli. It seemed therefore from the above information that the cost was prohibitive and that the proposal would not enable the Council to receive revenue from the venture which would contribute towards the maintenance of the cemetery.

Resolved that the above information be noted.

(b) Minute 166(f) – Planning Application P2012/1073 – East Pit East Revised Opencast Coal Site

A letter dated 15th April 2014 was received from Mr Peter Black AM together with a reply that he had received from the Minister for Housing and Regeneration in which it was indicated that a decision was yet to be taken on the requests that had been made for the planning application to be called in.

A letter dated 23rd April 2014 was also received from Ms Joanne Smith of the Planning Division who was responding on behalf of the Minister to the Council's representations. Ms Smith confirmed that the request to call in the application was still under consideration. Ms Smith also indicated that the result of the research that the Minister had commissioned on the restoration of coal sites had been published and was available on the Welsh Government's website.

Note: Councillor C E Richards (Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council) joined the meeting at this juncture.

A letter dated 1st May 2014 was also received from Mr Byron Davies AM in response to the Council's representations in which it appeared that in seeking to respond to the Council's representations he was addressing issues relating to

planning application P2013/0530 which had already been determined by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council and application number P2012/1073 which was yet to be considered.

A communication dated 12th May 2014 from the Senior Planner – Minerals and Waste to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council indicated that it was unlikely that the application would be determined in the next eight to ten weeks.

Resolved that the above information be noted.

10. SUMMER PLAYSCHMES 2014

A letter dated 25th April 2014 was received from Neath Port Talbot Children and Young People's Partnership indicating that they wished to hold a play scheme at Rhiwfawr Park over four weeks from the 4th to 29th August 2014. They had also enquired whether the community hall could be utilised as a wet weather venue

Resolved that:

1. permission be granted to use the Rhiwfawr Park for the Summer Playscheme subject to the Partnership indemnifying the Council against any injury or damage that may occur whilst the park is being used;
2. the Partnership be advised to seek permission from the Rhiwfawr Community Association to use facilities at Rhiwfawr Community Hall.

11. GOVERNANCE IN SMALL PUBLIC BODIES

A letter dated 30th April 2014 was received from the Welsh Government in which attention was drawn to the report of the National Assembly for Wales' Public Accounts Committee dated 18th October 2013 which dealt with governance by public organisations across Wales, including Community and Town Councils.

Resolved that the information be noted.

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITIES – COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS – WELSH GOVERNMENT NEWS

Resolved that the new edition of the above publication be noted.

13. WELSH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION ABOUT COMMUNITY AND TOWN COUNCILS

Resolved that the consideration of the consultation document on the draft statutory guidance concerning access to information about Community and Town Councils be deferred until the next meeting.

14. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Application for Financial Assistance – Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr OAP Association

Note: Councillor D C Phillips declared his personal interest in the matter and withdrew from the meeting whilst it was being considered.

Consideration was given to the application for a grant from the above organisation towards the maintenance of the hall and the purchase of a projector

Resolved that:

1. a grant of £400 be made to the Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr OAP Association;
2. the question of acquiring a projector which could be stored centrally for use by organisations in the community be pursued.

(b) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1689	Cwmllynfell & Rhiwfawr OAP Assoc	Grant	400.00
1690	T Richard Jones (Betws) Ltd	Stage payment - cemetery	3190.00
1691	Payroll	Gross salary April	267.80

15. PLANNING MATTERS – APPEAL – PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF TWO RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS WITH MODIFICATIONS TO THE PARKING LAYOUT - LAND ADJACENT TO SAMUELS COURT & 2-4 SAMUELS ROAD, CWMLLYNFELL

A letter dated 12th May 2014 was received from the Planning Inspectorate in which a notification was given that the appeal against the refusal of permission for the above proposed development had been dismissed.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

16. REPORTS

The following matters were also reported:

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

- Cycle Path – Dog Bin relocation, signage and drainage channel required;
- Construction material deposited on common land – Bryn Road.

Councillor C E Richards reported on the following matters:

- Proposed animal trespass fencing – meeting to be arranged to discuss an alternative scheme;
- Additional dog bins requested;
- GP Surgery – termination of present contract.

The meeting terminated at 8.15pm.