

# **CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RHIWFAWR HALL**

**ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2014 AT 6.30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Councillor R M Davies (Chairman) presided  
**COUNCILLORS:** M Evans, R Evans, T H J Kendrick, D Lloyd, J C Rees, D B Thomas and S Williams.

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

### **17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for his absence was received from Councillor D C Phillips.

### **18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture.

### **19. MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May and the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

### **20. MATTERS ARISING**

#### **(a) Minute 177 - Meddygfa'r Cwm – General Medical Practice**

It was reported that a communication had been received from the Head of Primary Care and Planning to the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board in which it was indicated that two business case proposals to take over the practice had been received and arrangements had been made for a meeting to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July when the two parties would make presentations to a panel comprising the Health Board's Clinical and Medical Staff together with representatives of the Local Medical Committee and the Community Health Council. On the assumption that the panel would decide to make a recommendation to accept a proposal it was hoped that the Health Board would take a decision in July. Although the timescale was considered to be very ambitious it was hoped that the requirement of ensuring that patients would feel secure as soon as possible before the 30<sup>th</sup> August could be met.

**Resolved** that the situation be noted.

#### **(b) Minute 9(a) - Cwmllynfell Cemetery Improvements**

The Clerk reported that despite repeated representations T Richard Jones (Betws) Ltd had not returned to the cemetery to complete the outstanding work. The payment which had been authorised in Minute 14(b) of the Annual Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 had however not been released as yet. The Clerk indicated that he would continue to pursue the early completion of the remaining work.

**Resolved** that the situation be noted.

**(c) Minute 13 - Welsh Government Consultation on Access to Information about Community And Town Councils**

Further consideration was given to the above consultation document.

**Resolved** that the proposals for access to information on Community and Town Councils be supported with a proviso that if the Welsh Government is to continue to make such additional onerous and time consuming demands on Community and Town Councils that there should be a financial recompense to those authorities such as a revenue support grant.

**(d) Minute 14(a) - Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr OAP Association**

A letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014 was received from the above organisation in which the Council was thanked for the grant which had been made.

Councillor C E Richards also reported that the organisation had recently received a grant from the East Pit Community Fund. He had also discussed with representatives of the organisation whether they may wish to consider disposing of the Samuels Hall in order to reduce their outgoings. He would also explore the question of securing the use of a projector for use by organisations in the community and had already received confirmation from the Committee of Cwmllynfell Hall that they would be prepared to store the equipment.

**Resolved** that the situation be noted.

**21. "THE NATIONAL CONVERSATION" – CYNNAL CYMRU / SUSTAIN WALES**

A communication was received from One Voice Wales in which attention was drawn to the "national conversation" with Peter Davies Commissioner for Sustainable Futures on "the Wales We Want" which was being arranged by Sustain Wales. In summary, this would consist of a dialogue with people and networks about the subject including the importance of long-term decision making and what current trends are showing in relation to issues such as climate change, the future of towns/villages and health etc.

**Resolved** that the matter be noted.

**22. PUBLIC HEALTH WHITE PAPER – TOILETS FOR PUBLIC USE**

A communication was received from the Health Protection Branch of the Welsh Government in which attention was drawn to the Public Health White Paper and in particular the proposal in relation to toilets for public use in respect of which a response to the consultation questions was invited.

**Resolved** that the following response be submitted to the consultation:

1. There should most definitely be a duty placed on local authorities to develop a strategy for the provision of and access to toilets for public use in their area;
2. The duty should be addressed through the single integrated planning process;

### **23. NATIONAL ENERGY ACTION CYMRU - TACKLING RURAL FUEL POVERTY**

**Resolved** that the invitation received from the above organisation to submit an expression of interest to become the one community in Wales to receive support to tackle fuel poverty be noted.

### **24. PLANNING AID WALES – ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014**

**Resolved** that the invitation for the Council to be represented at the above annual conference be noted.

### **25. VELINDRE COMMUNITY SCHOOL, YSGOL HENDRE SPECIAL SCHOOL AND BRYNCOCH PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT**

**Resolved** that the statutory notice received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council that the proposals concerning the above establishment would be implemented on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 be noted.

### **26. “REGENERATE NPT” – RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

It was reported that an invitation had been received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the Council to become a member of Regenerate NPT Partnership and/or its sub groups. As the closing date for the submission of expressions of interest was the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2014, the Clerk had consulted with the Chairman Councillor Richard Davies who had agreed that his name could be submitted for consideration as a member.

The deadline for the submission of expressions of interest for a project which would require a 20% contribution by the Council was the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2014. The Chairman suggested therefore that a special meeting should be convened to consider whether any projects could be submitted under the programme.

**Resolved** that:

1. the action taken in submitting a nomination in respect of Councillor Richard Davies be confirmed;
2. a special meeting be convened to consider the submission of projects.

### **27. ONE VOICE WALES – TRAINING PROGRAMME**

**Resolved** that the various invitations received from One Voice Wales to attend training sessions be noted.

### **28. WELSH GOVERNMENT NATURE FUND**

**Resolved** that the details of how to apply for the Welsh Government Nature Fund be noted.

### **29. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **(a) Application for Financial Assistance – “Me, Myself & I Club”**

**Resolved** that it be noted that the above organisation had been furnished with the Council’s policy document and application form for financial assistance

### **(b) Payment of Accounts**

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

No		£
1692	Payroll	Gross salary May
		267.80

### **30. PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **(a) Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan – Schedule of Matters Arising Changes**

**Resolved** that the letter from Carmarthenshire County Council concerning the above changes be noted.

#### **(b) Planning Application**

**Resolved** no objection be raised to the following application:

App No:  
P2014/415 Change of use of former school to two 3 bedroom semi detached dwellings.

### **31. REPORTS**

The following matters were also reported:

South Wales Police Statistics (within 1 mile of centre of Cwmllynfell)	All Crime (see categories below) Anti Social Behaviour Drugs Other theft	April	7 2 2 3
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- Cycle path – former railway line – maintenance responsibilities.

Councillor C E Richards reported on the following matters:

- Penyardarren Colliery Planning Application refused by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council;
- Additional dog bins and signs being considered;
- Animal trespass fence Bryn Road and Coedffaldau revised proposals being examined.

The meeting terminated at 7.40pm.