

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT CWMLLYNFELL HALL
ON THURSDAY 17th MARCH 2016 AT 6.30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillor J C Rees (Chairman) presided
COUNCILLORS: T H J Kendrick, D Lloyd, R P Morgan, D C Phillips and
D B Thomas

ATTENDING: Councillor K Lloyd - Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

161. CONDOLENCES – THE LATE REV. L WILLIAMS

The Chairman referred with deep regret to the fact that Councillor Ruth Evans' father had passed away.

All present stood in silent tribute as a token of respect.

162. APOLOGIES

Apologies for their absence were received from Councillors R M Davies, M Evans, R Evans and E L Morgan.

163. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture

164. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held on the 11th February 2016 and the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 18th February 2016 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

165. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 142- Automated External Defibrillators

A communication dated 10th March 2016 was received from Mr Dean Llewellyn in which he provided information about "Welsh Hearts" a charity that specialised in providing defibrillators for use in the community.

Resolved that an application be made to Welsh Hearts for Automated External Defibrillators for placing at Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr.

(b) Minute 150(a) - East Pit – Draft Community Benefit Schemes

A draft Community Benefit Scheme was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. The scheme was due to be considered on the 23rd March at a meeting of representatives of Cwmllynfell, Gwaun Cae Gurwen and Quarter Bach Community Councils which had been convened by the County Borough Council.

The scheme proposed, inter alia, that a combined Grants Steering Panel be established comprising representatives of Cwmllynfell Community Council, Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Council and Quarter Bach Community Council together with the three County/County Borough Councillors representing those areas and nominated community representatives.

Resolved that the draft scheme be rejected and the Council's representatives to attend the proposed meeting be mandated to oppose the proposals and indicate that it is the Council's view that the Community Benefit Fund consisting of £50,000 for each of the areas of the four County/County Borough Electoral Divisions should be transferred to the individual Community Councils for them to administer under separate grant schemes.

(c) Minute 150(b)/156(a)ii – Application for Financial Assistance – Cwmllynfell Hall

A letter dated 29th February 2016 was received from the Secretary of Cwmllynfell Hall in which the Council was thanked for the additional grant of £1,000 for the current financial year and for giving notification of the grant that had been approved for 2016/17. It was also indicated that there was uncertainty over the hall's financial situation for the coming year and that there was somewhat of a disappointment with the amount of grant awarded by the Council for 206/17.

A discussion ensued about the response from the hall and the fact that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council had reduced its contribution to the hall, firstly in 2014 when they had ceased to maintain the library and again for the next financial year. Reference was made to the County Borough Council's responsibility as the trustee of the hall, its duty under the registered charity and the fact that returns had not been made to the Charity Commissioners since at least 2010. Conversely, the Hall Committee was fulfilling its duties as the trustee for the separate registered charity and it was also observed that the area served by the charity included Cefn Bryn Brain and Ystradowen in the Community of Quarter Bach.

Resolved that:

1. the Hall Committee be reminded that the Council has increased its grant considerably in recent years and that their attention be drawn both to the fact that the charity's registration states that the hall also provides a service to areas within the Community of Quarter Bach and additionally that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council appears not to be fulfilling its duties as the trustee of the registered charity "Cwmllynfell Hall and Recreation Ground";
2. a copy of the Council's response to Cwmllynfell Hall be sent to the Leader of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council requesting that he addresses the situation.

(d) Minute 151 – County Borough Council/Community Councils Liaison Forum

A notification was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council that the meeting of the forum scheduled for the 14th March had been postponed until September. It had also been indicated that the revised Terms of Reference for the Forum would be discussed at that meeting. The Clerk had accordingly requested that the draft terms be made available by July so that they could be considered by the Council.

Resolved that the information be noted.

(e) Minute 156 - Appointment of Clerk of the Council

It was reported that only one application had been received for the post of part time Clerk of the Council.

Resolved that the closing date for the receipt of applications be extended and that the advertisement be also placed in the South Wales Evening Post.

(f) Minute 159 – Gwrhyd Quarry

A communication dated 10th March was received from the Enforcement Officer, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in which he indicated that under a service level agreement with Carmarthenshire County Council officers of that authority were responsible for monitoring and controlling operations at the quarry. A copy of a letter dated 1st March that the Head of Planning at Carmarthenshire County Council had sent to Mr M Walton of Gwrhyd Quarry was also received. The letter indicated that as a result of the complaints that had been received the site would be monitored over the following three months to assess compliance with the planning conditions. Attention had also been drawn to the fact that aspects of the development were not being carried out in accordance with the general principles and phasing plan that had been approved.

Resolved that the information be noted.

(g) Minute 159 – Footbridge on FP14Lgk – Cwmllynfell

A communication dated 14th March 2016 was received from Carmarthenshire County Council in which it was indicated that following the initial complaint from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council the above bridge had been inspected on the 10th March 2015. It had been concluded at that time that the bridge was adequate for pedestrian use but that a further inspection would be undertaken in approximately eighteen months. A further inspection would however be carried out in the near future.

Resolved that the matter be noted and further information awaited.

(h) Minute 160 – Cwmllynfell Cemetery – Memorial Kerb Stones

A report was given on discussions with local craftsmen with regard to the installation of the memorial kerb stones.

Resolved that Mr Keri Evans of Ystradowen be engaged to carry out the work.

166. YSGOL HENDREFELIN – CONSULTATION

Resolved that the consultation report received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in connection with the proposed increase in the number of pupils at the above school be noted.

167. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN WALES - 2018

A notification was received from the Boundary Commission for Wales that the above review would commence during this year. The review would be undertaken in accordance with the Parliamentary Voting System Constituencies Act 2011 which contained rules setting out the number of constituencies for the 2020 Parliamentary Election according to a prescribed a formula for calculating

the electorate. The rules would result in the reduction of the constituencies in Wales from 40 to 29. The Commission's initial proposals would be published later this year for consultation.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

168. "SHARED PURPOSE: SHARED FUTURE" – STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR THE WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015

A letter dated 1st March 2016 was received from the Welsh Government in which it was indicated that the above guidance had been issued on the 26th February 2016. The statutory guidance was specifically aimed at those community and town councils that will be subject to the duty to take reasonable steps to meet the local objectives set out in the local well-being plan.

Resolved that the information be noted.

169. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL FRAMEWORK

A letter dated 2nd March 2016 was received from the Welsh Government in which attention was drawn to the following statutory instruments that came into effect on the 1st April 2016:

The Local Government (Standards Committees, Investigations, Dispensations and Referral) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016

Resolved that the information be noted.

170. THE PLANNING ACT 2015 – DEVELOPMENTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

A letter dated 3rd March 2016 was received from the Planning Inspectorate in which attention was drawn to the fact that the above act had introduced a new type of development entitled "Developments of National Significance". Decisions on such applications would be determined by the Welsh Government rather than the local planning authority. The Act required Welsh Ministers to notify the Council of a community of an application in its area if requested to do so.

Resolved that the information be noted and a request made to the Welsh Government to notify the Council of any Applications of National Significance that affect its area.

171. YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

A communication dated 8th March 2016 was received from the Children's Rights Unit together with an application from Keelan Rochard of Pen y Bryn, Cwmllynfell to be considered for appointment as a Youth Representative to attend meetings of the Council.

Resolved that arrangements be made for the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councillor T H J Kendrick to interview the applicant with a view to inviting him to become a Youth Representative.

172. NEATH PORT TALBOT DEOMESTIC ABUSE PARTNERSHIP

Resolved that the questionnaire form the above partnership be completed on behalf of the Council.

173. MR PETER BLACK AM – DATA PROTECTION ACT

A communication was received from Mr Peter Black AM in which he indicated that he was reviewing his case work files in order to comply with the Data Protection Act after the forthcoming election. He accordingly enquired with regard to the Council's preference for dealing with the Council's past communications in the event of his not being re-elected.

Resolved that Mr Black be informed that the Council wishes for the file to be transferred to a Regional Assembly Member at Mr Black's discretion.

174. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Grounds Maintenance 2016 Season

Reference was made to the fact that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council had carried out the Council's Grounds Maintenance requirements under contract for many years. It was also reported that expressions of interest and requests for the opportunity to submit quotations in respect of 2016 had been received recently from other contractors. Accordingly, quotations had been invited from three contractors including Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council. The details were as follows:

<u>Details</u>	<u>Tenderer 1</u>	<u>Tenderer 2</u>	<u>Tenderer 3</u>
	£	£	£
Cwmllynfell Cemetery	2,690.00	3,662.86	2,130.00
Chapel inc Watcyn Wyn Memorial	<u>224.00</u>	<u>378.50</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Cwmllynfell	2,914.00	4,041.36	2,330.00
Rhiwfawr Park	1,584.00	985.95	1,140.00
Herbicide including cemetery	340.00		

Resolved that:

1. the quotation received from Wrenvale Nurseries and Landscapes in the sum of £2,330.00 for carrying out the grounds maintenance work at Cwmllynfell Cemetery, Cwmllynfell Chapel and the Watcyn Wyn memorial be accepted;
2. the quotation from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in the sum of £985.95 for carrying out the grounds maintenance work at Rhiwfawr Park be accepted.

(b) Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance.

(i) Rhiwfawr Community Association – Rhiwfawr Hall

Resolved that consideration of the application from the above organisation for £16,000 to replace the roof be deferred until a future meeting and it be suggested

to the applicants that in the meantime they explore other avenues for grant support with the aid of Neath Port Talbot CVS:

(ii) Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr OAP Association

Resolved further to Minute 124(a) ii of the meeting of the Council held on the 17th December 2015 and upon consideration of an amended application for grant from the above organisation that:

1. it be noted that the Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr OAP Association had ceased using Samuels Hall because its condition had deteriorated and as such they would now be meeting at Cwmllynfell Hall;
2. the application from the organisation to defray the cost of their hiring accommodation at Cwmllynfell Hall be not entertained in view of the balance held in the account that they presented in support of their application.

(c) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1783	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Grounds Maintenance 2015	4,918.80
1784	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Christmas Lights 2015	3,643.19
1785	Newsquest	Advertisement SW Guardian	333.00
1786	Payroll	Net salary February	218.95
1787	HMRC	Income Tax	54.74

175. PLANNING MATTERS

Resolved that the letter dated 25th February 2016 from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in connection with the proposed changes to the Development Management System whereby applicants for major development and Developments of National Significance will be required to undertake pre-application consultation.

176. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

South Wales Police Statistics	All Crime (see categories below)	January	9
	Anti Social behaviour		3
	Criminal Damage and Arson		1
	Other theft		2
	Violence and sexual offences		3

- GP Surgery issues;
- Cemetery – mess near lower gates

Councillor K Lloyd reported on the following issues:

- Parking Gwilym Road near Ochrywaun
- Parking Bryn Road and dog signs

The meeting terminated at 8.45pm.