

CYNGOR CYMUNED CWMLLYNFELL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT RHIWFAWR HALL
ON THURSDAY 21st APRIL 2016 AT 6.30 P.M.**

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

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

176. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this juncture

177. MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 17th March 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

178. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 165(a)- Automated External Defibrillators

A communication dated 29th March 2016 was received from 'Welsh Hearts' in response to the Council's enquiry in which it was indicated that the organisation was able to supply two Automated External Defibrillators at a cost of £1,800. The cost included maintenance of the equipment and training. The defibrillators would also need to be housed in heated and alarmed storage cabinets.

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Welsh Ambulance Service in order to ascertain whether the service had any recommendations and advice in connection with the installation of such equipment. It would also be necessary to seek co-operation from Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr Halls so that the units could be located outside the halls.

Resolved that:

1. the response of the Welsh Ambulance Service be awaited;
2. enquiries be made of Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr Halls as to whether they would be prepared for the equipment to be installed at those locations.

(b) Minute 165(b) - East Pit – Draft Community Benefit Schemes

The notes of the joint meeting of Community Representatives, Celtic Energy and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council that had been held on the 23rd March 2016 had been circulated. It had been agreed at the meeting that the £50,000 per community (4 communities) under the Community Benefit Scheme would be paid to the respective Community Councils. It had also been agreed at the meeting that the revised Additional Community Contribution of £70,000 per community would also be transferred to the respective Community Councils in two equal sums of £35,000 in July 2016 and July 2018 for distribution. A communication dated 21st April had however been received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in which it was indicated that the Additional Community Contribution would not be transferred to the Community Councils but would be administered by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council in

accordance with the terms of the Section 106 agreement. The receipt of the Community Benefit sum from Celtic Energy was currently awaited.

Resolved that:

1. the information be noted;
2. bank accounts be opened in respect of the Community Benefit Scheme.

(c) Minute 165(c) - Appointment of Clerk of the Council

It was reported that the further advertisement for the post with an extended closing date had not as yet been placed as a member of the Council had expressed an interest in the post.

Resolved, on the recommendation of the Clerk of the Council, that advice be sought on the matter from One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

(d) Minute 165(g) – Footbridge on FP14Lgk – Cwmllynfell

A communication dated 21st April 2016 was received from Carmarthenshire County Council in which it was indicated that an inspection of the bridge had confirmed that the structure was stable and therefore satisfactory for public pedestrian use. However, given the age of the bridge and the high level of use it received, it was intended to put forward a recommendation for priority to be given to its renewal this year.

Resolved that the information be welcomed.

(e) Minute 171 – Youth Representative

Resolved that it be noted that arrangements would be made as soon as possible to interview Keelan Rochard who had expressed an interest in becoming a Youth Representative.

179. MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY – STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-21 AND ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2016-17

Resolved that it be noted that the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority had published the above plans.

180. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES IN THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF NEATH PORT TALBOT

A letter dated 31st March 2016 together with its report and proposals in relation to the above review was received from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales. No changes were being proposed for the boundaries of the Community of Cwmllynfell.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

181. SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING – DIRECT SERVICES CONSULTATION

A letter dated 5th April 2016 was received from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council indicating that consideration of the report on the above consultation exercise had been deferred until the 12th May 2016. As such the service closure day on the 18th April had been cancelled.

Resolved that the information be noted.

182. LOCAL BUS SERVICE REVISIONS

Resolved that the notification dated 8th April 2016 from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council regarding changes to bus services, including service 64 affecting the community, be noted.

183. NEW MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

A communication dated 14th April 2016 was received from One Voice Wales in which attention was drawn to the new model financial regulations.

Resolved that consideration be given to adopting the revised financial regulations in due course.

184. ONE VOICE WALES/SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS JOINT EVENT – 22nd JUNE 2016

Resolved that the invitation for the Council to be represented at the above event be noted and considered further in due course.

185. ONE VOICE WALES – MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Resolved that the invitation for the Council to submit notions to the Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales be noted.

186. FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) Audit of Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2016.

A letter dated 8th April 2016 was received from BDO LLP the Council's Auditors in which a notification was given of the arrangements for the audit of the Council's accounts for the year ended 31st March 2016. The appointed date for the exercise of electors' rights in respect of the audit was the 4th July 2016.

Resolved that:

1. the necessary arrangements be made for the audit and the submission of the Annual Return;
2. Mr A Pedrick's appointment as the Council's Internal Auditor be reaffirmed.

(b) Summary Receipts and Payments Statement and Balance Sheet - 2015/2016

The Summary Receipts and Payments Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st March 2016, showing the following totals was presented to the Council:

	£
Balance Brought Forward 1 st April 2015	51,711.90
Add Total Receipts	43,209.62
Deduct Total Payments	34,134.74
Balance Carried Forward 31 st March 2016	60,786.78

Resolved that the Summary Receipts and Payments and Balance Sheet for 2015/16 be approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

(c) Insurance – 2016/17

A letter dated 14th April 2016 was received from Zurich Municipal giving notification that the renewal premium for 2016/17 under the Council's long term agreement was £755.91, which included the revised Insurance Premium Tax.

Resolved that the Council's Insurance policy with Zurich Municipal be renewed on the above terms.

(d) Applications for Financial Assistance

Consideration was given to applications for financial assistance.

(i) Cwmllynfell RFC

Resolved that consideration of the application from for a grant from the above organisation be deferred so that the last year's accounts may be presented:

(ii) Ystradowen Community Centre

Resolved that consideration of the application for a grant from the above organisation be deferred so that an application form and the last year's accounts may be presented

(e) Website Domain

It was reported that the Council's website domain registration was due for renewal. The web hosts Calico UK had offered a discount of 10% on the registration fee of £24 per annum if the registration was renewed for three years or more.

Resolved that the registration of the website domain be renewed for three years.

(f) Payment of Accounts

Resolved that the following accounts be paid:

No			£
1788	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium	755.91
1789	Neath Port Talbot CBC	Hire of al Bin	62.06
1790	Payroll	Net salary March	218.95
1791	HMRC	Income Tax	54.74
1792	Cwmllynfell Hall	Stage payment grant	4,000.00

187. PLANNING MATTERS

(a) Planning Policy Wales

Resolved that the invitation from the Welsh Government for the Council to comment on proposed changes to the national policy on the historic environment be noted.

(b) Planning Application

Resolved that no objection be raised to the following planning application:

App No:

P2016/0332 Single storey rear extension at 11 Walters Road, Cwmllynfell.

188. REPORTS

The following matters were reported:

(a) South Wales Police Statistics	All Crime (see categories below)	February	6
	Anti Social behaviour		3
	Public Order		2
	Vehicle Crime		1

(b) Grow Wild Wales

It was reported that seeds had been received from Kew Gardens and that pupils of Cwmllynfell School had participated in the sowing at Cwmllynfell Cemetery.

Resolved that the matter be noted.

(c) Cwmllynfell Cemetery

It was reported that a grave at Cwmllynfell Cemetery was in a dilapidated state and that enquiries were being pursued to ascertain ownership.

Resolved that arrangements be made for urgent repairs be carried out to make the grave safe.

(d) Rural Development Plan – “Working with Nature”– “Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr Environmental Scheme” (Cares)

It was reported that Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council had indicated that more Community Councils had become involved in the project and that it was intended to seek additional European funding. It was anticipated that the scheme would start in August and the Council had been asked to make arrangements with regard to the payment of its approved contribution of £6,000 (Minute 42 of the meeting of the Council held on the 16th July 2015 refers).

Resolved that the Council’s contribution be spread over two years.

(e) The following issues were also raised:

- PACT meetings – not well attended;
- Renewal of Planning Permission for a building plot at Rhiwfawr;
- Amman Tawe Medical Practice – services at Cwmllynfell Surgery;
- Rhiwfawr Park – dog fouling and defective drainage;

Resolved that:

1. the question of assessing the service at the surgery and the previous promise of further liaison meetings be raised with the Head of Primary Care at the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board;
 2. advice be sought with regard to the drainage at Rhiwfawr Park and the issue of dog fouling be raised with Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.
- (f)** Councillor K Lloyd also reported on the following issues:
- Revised application for Commons Consent – Animal Trespass fencing;
 - Various nuisances emanating from property at Gwilym Road, Cwmllynfell

The meeting terminated at 8.20pm.