

JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

21st September, 2007

Chairman: Councillor Mrs.M.H.Jones
(City and County of Swansea)

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:** Councillors J.R.Bryant, P.A.Rees and B.Roblin

**City and County
of Swansea:** Councillors A.Robinson and G.Sullivan

Officers in Attendance:

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:** G.Jones and A.Borthwick

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Mrs.S.M.Penry

Officers: K.R.Sawyers, P.Smith and Ms. M.Morris

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Joint Resilience Committee held on the 15th June 2007, be received and noted.

2. PRESENTATION – SOUTH WALES LOCAL RESILIENCE FORUM (SWLRF) SECRETARIAT

The Joint Committee received a presentation by Mr. Stuart Spragg on behalf of the South Wales Local Resilience Forum (SWLRF) Secretariat. The presentation outlined both the structure and role of the SWLRF.

It was noted that the Forum comprised senior representatives of all Category 1 Responders within the South Wales Police area and was chaired by the Chief Constable.

The Committee was pleased that the role that Local Authorities undertook had now been formally recognised by their inclusion as Category 1 Responders.

It was agreed that a copy of the presentation slides be forwarded to the Committee Members and also that enquiries be made to ascertain if a future Committee meeting can be held at Cardiff, to view the Welsh Assembly Government emergency planning facilities.

The Chair thanked Mr. Spragg for his informative presentation.

3. **REPORT OF THE JOINT RESILIENCE UNIT**

Members received an update on the progress made by the Joint Resilience Unit, for both Unitary Authorities, as detailed in the circulated report. It was agreed that the appropriate Members from Neath Port Talbot be invited as observers to the Multi Agency COMAH exercise to be held in Clydach on the 10th October 2007.

Also, it was noted that Project Argus, for Neath and Port Talbot Town Centres, was to be held at the Afan Lido on 8th November 2007, as detailed in the circulated report.

Finally, the Members Seminar on Joint Resilience was now scheduled for Spring 2008.

4. **SWANSEA DOCKS – UPDATE**

The Committee received a verbal update by the Resilience Manager on the risk management activities undertaken at the Swansea Docks.

The Committee had a public protection role in this matter, and the planning issue raised at the meeting would be clarified by Officers.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(i) **Role of the Joint Resilience Unit**

Agreed that following a press inquiry, a meeting be held by relevant Officers with the South Wales Evening Post to explain the role of the Joint Resilience Unit.

(ii) **Contact List**

Agreed that an updated contact list be prepared and circulated to Members prior to the next meeting.

6. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Noted that the next meeting be held on Friday, 23rd November 2007, at 9.30am at the Civic Centre, Port Talbot.

CHAIRMAN