

JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

6th March, 2008

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

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:** **Councillors H.M.Bebell, J.R.Bryant, and
Mrs.S.M.Penry**

**City and County
of Swansea:** **Councillors G.Sullivan and G.Thomas**

Officers in Attendance:

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:** **G.Jones and Miss.C.Grocutt**

**City and County
of Swansea:** **P.Thomas**

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors: **P.A.Rees and A.Robinson**

Officers: **K.R.Sawyers, P.Smith and J.Stephens**

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Joint Resilience Committee held on the 18th January 2008, were received and noted.

Matters Arising

Presentation on Flood Risk Management

Following the Environment Agency presentation to the last meeting on Flood Risks it was agreed that, as part of the Resilience Induction Programme, the presentation be given to a Joint Members Seminar to be held at a suitable date after May 2008.

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

Members received an update on the activities of the Joint Resilience Unit as detailed in the circulated report.

Following the Pitt Review held after the 2007 floods, one of the recommendations made was to create Working Groups to establish flood risk areas. Following this, it was hoped to establish a corporate Working Group comprising both Neath Port Talbot and the City and County of Swansea to look at local flood risk areas. The key findings would be then reported to WAG with the possibility of receiving funding.

An Environment Agency led multi agency table top Exercise ‘Rufus’ had recently taken place to test the recovery process following a major flood. Over 120 people participated in the event and a full report would be available in due course.

The circulated report also contained details of Risk Management and business continuity, together with a schedule of future events.

One of the events to be held over the next few weeks was “Exercise Shelter “ which was a table top exercise facilitated by Neath Port Talbot to train Volunteer Rest Centre staff in setting up and managing a Rest Centre in the event of an emergency. Neath Port Talbot Members of the Joint Committee would be invited to attend as observers.

3. **JOINT RESILIENCE ALL MEMBER SEMINAR - FEEDBACK**

Members noted the feedback received from the Joint Member Seminar “Exercise Sidetrack” held at the Liberty Stadium on 3rd March 2008. The Seminar was well attended and included the Chief Executives and Leaders from both Authorities. As a result of the feedback, the Protocol for advising Members of an emergency incident had now been amended. A laminated card would also be produced for all Members containing the emergency numbers and contact details of both Authorities as part of the Resilience Induction Programme.

Members were pleased with the results of the Seminar and thanked the Chair for her participation and looked forward to further events.

It was agreed that all Members be formally thanked for their attendance at the Seminar and be provided with the revised Elected Member Protocol and the responses of the debrief questionnaires that had been completed at the Seminar.

4. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that a suitable presentation would be arranged for the next Joint Resilience Committee meeting.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Joint Resilience Committee will be held on Friday, 27th June 2008, at 9.30am in Committee Room 1, County Hall Swansea.

CHAIRMAN