

JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

19th September, 2008

Chairman: **Councillor C.Morgan**
(Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council)

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

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:** **Councillor B.Roblin**

**City and County
of Swansea:** **Councillors A.Jopling, R.J.Lloyd, A.Robinson
and L.G.Thomas**

Officers in Attendance:

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:** **Mr.A.Borthwick**

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

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors: **Mrs.S.M.Penry**

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

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Joint Resilience Committee held on the 25th July 2008 were received and noted, subject to the Members present representing the City and County of Swansea reading:- Councillor L.G.Thomas

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

The circulated report contained details of the current projects undertaken by the Unit. These included “Exercise Sidetrack”, a series of recent table top exercises. As a result of the Exercise, the outcomes had been referred to the Senior Management Teams in the respective Authorities. The report also contained details of a national Pilot Scheme launched by the Met Office and the Environment Agency to provide extreme rainfall alerts advising of the risk of surface water flooding. Due to the importance of local flood risks to both Authorities, it was agreed a further report be submitted to the next meeting.

It was noted that with regard to CORUS, Port Talbot, a document had now been prepared for an initial response of Agencies to an emergency at CORUS, which could have off-site effects.

The report also contained details of the appointment of JBA Consultants, to work in partnership with the Joint Resilience Unit regarding Business Continuity, which was a new aspect of Joint Resilience.

The report also contained details of the two Project Argus events planned for businesses that were located within both the Port Talbot and Neath town centre areas.

The first, to be held on the 24th September 2008 at Port Talbot, was fully subscribed including representatives of a large retail chain. However, the second event, for Neath, had been postponed to a date to be determined.

Finally, a schedule of incidents reported to the JRU was appended to the circulated report for Members’ information. The Committee were informed of the reasons why only some incidents are reported to the Joint Resilience Unit.

3. **EXERCISE FOSSIL FUEL - DVD PRESENTATION**

Agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

4. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The Committee noted the future dates of the Joint Committee which were as follows:-

Friday 7th November 2008 – (Swansea)
(Possible visit to the MCA Operations Room, Mumbles)

Friday 30th January 2009 – (Port Talbot)

Friday 24th April 2009 – (Swansea)

CHAIRMAN