

JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

The Quays, Brunel Way, Briton Ferry

Members Present:

24th April, 2009

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:** **Councillors J.R.Bryant, S.J.Mason and B.Roblin**

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

Officers in Attendance:

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:** **G.Jones and R.Williams**

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

PART 1

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Joint Resilience Committee held on 30th January, 2009 were received and noted.

2. **MATTERS ARISING**

Members noted that the joint exercise at Canalside, to be led by the Environment Agency, would take place in the near future.

3. **REPORT OF THE JOINT RESILIENCE UNIT, INCLUDING EXERCISE TALIESIN UPDATE**

Members were advised that, with regards to Multi-Agency flood Plans, work was being undertaken to empower local communities in understanding flood risk and engaging them in planning and preparation for events prior to the arrival of emergency services. Committee were informed of the Environment Agency's intention to implement all Multi-Agency Response Plans for Flooding (MARPFs) by September 2009.

Joint Resilience Manager, Paul Thomas, informed Members that a consultation exercise was due to be undertaken with regards to Dam/Reservoir Inundation Preparedness. Councillor Mary Jones requested that all Members from Neath Port Talbot and City and County of Swansea be consulted. Mr Thomas advised that plans were in place to meet Community Councils in areas of risk.

The Committee noted that training events had been held on 18th March (CCoS) and 20th March (NPT) to raise participants' awareness about the management of emergency incidents and the role of a bronze and silver officer. Mr Thomas advised that a draft report and Forward action plan had been developed and a progress update would be given at the next meeting.

Members were given an update on 'Exercise Taliesin' which took place on 23rd April, 2009 at South Wales Police HQ in Bridgend. The exercise focussed on planning and decision making at the strategic level in dealing with Pandemic Flu. Members requested that they be involved in future exercises on a local level.

Members noted the progress report on the JRU Priority Work Programme, as submitted by the Joint Resilience Manager.

4. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Head of Human Resources, Mr Graham Jones, advised Members about a fire on the hillside of Port Talbot the previous evening, which resulted in the evacuation of 30 residents. Members were further advised of a fire at a Port Talbot Tyre factory on 30th March, 2009. It was agreed that the role of ward members in such incidents be discussed by officers.

Councillor Mary Jones requested an incident update report at the next meeting.

5. **DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

9.30am, Friday, 19th June 2009, Port Talbot
9.30am, Friday, 7th August 2009, Swansea
9.30am, Friday, 9th October 2009, Port Talbot
9.30am, Monday, 30th November 2009, Swansea
9.30am, Friday, 26th February 2010, Port Talbot
9.30am, Friday, 23rd April 2010, Swansea.

CHAIRMAN