

# **JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE**

**(Civic Centre, Swansea)**

**Members Present:**

**21<sup>st</sup> January, 2011**

**Neath Port Talbot  
County Borough  
Council:**

**Councillors** Mrs.A.P.Davies (Chair), J.R.Bryant,  
S.J.Mason, Mrs.S.M.Penry and B.Roblin

**City and County  
of Swansea:**

**Councillors** Mrs.M.Jones (Vice Chair), D.G.Sullivan  
and D.A.Robinson

**Officers in Attendance:**

**Neath Port Talbot  
County Borough  
Council:**

G.Jones and Mrs.T.Davies

**City and County  
of Swansea:**

J.Stephens, P.Thomas, Ms.S.Perrett and B.Cromie

**Apologies for Absence:**

**Councillors:**

R.J.Lloyd and L.G.Thomas

**Others:**

S.Phillips and P.Smith

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1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER, 2010 AND 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2010**

The Minutes of the Joint Resilience Committee dated 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2010, and 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, were received and noted.

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

Members received an update on the work of the Joint Resilience Unit, as detailed in the circulated report. Topics covered included:-

### (i) Table Top Exercises

Members took part in two different table top exercises, devised by the Joint Resilience Unit, and used in multi agency working as ice breakers to get participants to focus on the areas in discussion.

The first game was 'Hoses and Ladders' and was based on the traditional board game of snakes and ladders. The game highlighted the positives and negatives in an imaginary multi agency scenario. The game had recently been developed and was first used in Exercise Ludwig in November 2010.

The second game was a business continuity game in the style of Monopoly, which prompted businesses to produce and review their business continuity plans. Both games were well received both by Members and at the actual events at which they were used. Members were pleased to note that any feedback received from the games had been reviewed and used to update not only the games but the associated processes.

### (ii) Exercise Bay Explorer

Members were pleased to note that Exercise Bay Explorer (24<sup>th</sup> November, 2010) – an exercise which simulated a major incident involving a passenger vessel requiring evacuation in or close to the SWLRF coastline – was well supported on the day. Councillor Robinson observed the exercise and had enjoyed it. The Master of the ship had been among the 30 participants who were observed by 18 others. The exercise has helped identify areas for improvement in the multi agency response.

(iii) Exercise Ludwig

Exercise Ludwig took place on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, at Vale Europe Limited, Clydach in Swansea (formerly the Inco site). Members were pleased to note that both the site and the table top exercises went well, even though a lot more external agencies were involved in the latter.

Members suggested that representatives of the Police/Fire Authority could be invited more frequently to Joint Resilience Committee meetings. The possibility was mentioned of members of the Police/fire authorities being seconded to the Joint Resilience Unit to gain a better understanding of the work undertaken by the Unit.

The Chair will liaise with other members of the JRC in order to formulate a letter requesting more continuity of attendance by the Police Authority, and inviting them to participate in a more meaningful way.

3. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME OF THE JOINT RESILIENCE UNIT**

Members noted the Forward Work Programme of the JRU, as contained in the circulated report, which included such topics as Exercise Titan (multi agency exercise at TATA Steel, Port Talbot) and winter maintenance. The Committee supported the Forward Work Programme.

4. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Members requested a visit to the Joint Resilience Committee from a member of the UK Border Control and a report from the City and County of Swansea Health and Safety section with regards concerns about the change of use of Swansea's dry dock to a ship breaking facility. The report is to be presented at a future meeting of the Joint Resilience Committee.
- Members noted two recent incidents – a gas explosion at Llangenith and a flood at Sandfields Primary School, Port Talbot.

- The next meeting of the JRC (28<sup>th</sup> February, 2011) will be held on site at Earlswood Training Centre, Briton Ferry where Members will meet at 10.00am for the meeting followed by a tour of the site at 11.00am.

**CHAIRMAN**