

JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Swansea)

Members Present:

27th January, 2012

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:**

Councillors Mrs.A.P.Davies (Vice Chair), S.J.Mason
and B.Roblin

**City and County
of Swansea:**

Councillors Mrs.M.H.Jones (Chair), D.A.Robinson,
D.G.Sullivan and L.G.Thomas

Officers in Attendance:

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:**

G.Jones, S.Burgess and Ms C.Grocutt

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors:

R.J.Lloyd (City & County of Swansea) and
Mrs.S.M.Penry (Neath Port Talbot County Borough
Council)

Others:

J. Stephens, J.Straw and S.Phillips

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH NOVEMBER 2011

The Minutes of the Joint Resilience Committee held on the 18th
November 2011, were received and noted.

2. MATTERS ARISING

(i) Visit to TATA Steel

It was noted that Mr J.Stephens had made arrangements with
TATA Steel for Members to view the waste disposal and recycling

facilities and to receive further information regarding the storage of the residual waste from the Fforestfach Fire.

The visit to TATA Steel would take place on Friday, 9th March 2012. Details of transport and other arrangements would be provided to Members shortly after the meeting.

(ii) **Update on Storage of Ammonia Nitrate – Swansea Docks**

Members noted that the further verbal update report provided by officers. It was confirmed that no further action is required by this Committee at the present time.

(iii) **Olympics 2012 – Planning Update**

Members noted that all partnership agencies are continuing to progress their preparations for the Olympic Torch route through South Wales, including Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.

Members would be kept updated on this matter.

3. **JOINT RESILIENCE UNIT ANNUAL REPORT JANUARY 2011 TO JANUARY 2012**

The Committee received a presentation from Mr Shaun Burgess on the Annual Report for the Joint Resilience Unit for the period January 2011 to January 2012. The aim of the Annual report was to provide a brief overview of resilience activities and some of the key achievements and objectives of the past 12 months, as outlined in the circulated report.

Members thanked Mr Burgess for his work, that of his team and all other managers and employees across both Councils for their contributions towards building safer and more resilient communities within Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.

4. **PRESENTATION ON RESILIENCE WORK PROGRAMME PRIORITIES 2012**

The Committee were given an illustrative presentation on the Joint Resilience Work Programme priorities for 2012. These included reviewing and developing Corporate and Business Continuity Plans for both Neath Port Talbot and the City & County of Swansea together with a

review of all Emergency Response Plans, with greater emphasis on local exercises and multi agencies plans.

A Resilience Newsletter would be produced in February 2012, which would also be distributed to local businesses in the community with the aim of building relationships. It was suggested that the Business Improvement District (BID) should be involved. It was noted that BID meet bi-monthly and arrangements could be made for Mr. S. Burgess to give a presentation to them.

5. **RESILLIENCE JOINT SEMINAR**

The Committee noted that, unfortunately, due to a lack of response for the Joint Resilience Seminar scheduled for February 2012, it was now being postponed to a later date. A letter would be sent out to all Neath Port Talbot and City and County of Swansea Members informing them of the decision.

6. **JOINT RESILIENCE UNIT INCIDENT LOG**

Members noted details of the Joint Resilience Unit Incident Log contained in the circulated report.

7. **URGENT ITEM**

A matter was raised regarding a serious fire that had resulted in the destruction of a Chapel in Cwmbwrla, Swansea which was a Grade II listed building. It was noted that the Committee had no powers to deal with derelict and dangerous structures of this nature.

8. **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The dates of future meetings as set out below were noted:-

9th March 2012 (Port Talbot / TATA visit)

20th April 2012 (Swansea)

CHAIRMAN