

JOINT RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

(Civic Centre, Port Talbot)

Members Present:

22nd March, 2013

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:**

Councillors R.G.Jones and P.A.Rees

**City and County
of Swansea:**

Councillors T.Hennegan, D.G.Sullivan and
Mrs.G.J.Tanner

Officers in Attendance:

**Neath Port Talbot
County Borough
Council:**

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

**City and County of
Swansea:**

J.Stephens

Apologies for Absence:

Councillors:

Mrs.S.M.Penry, Mrs.D.Jones (Neath Port Talbot
County Borough Council), Mrs.M.H.Jones and
D.W.Cole (City & County of Swansea)

Officers:

S.Phillips and J.Straw

1. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2012/13**

RESOLVED:

that the appointment of the Vice Chairman of the Joint
Resilience Committee for the ensuing municipal year
2012/13, be deferred.

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 30TH NOVEMBER 2012**

The Minutes of the Joint Resilience Committee held on the 30th November 2012, were received and noted.

Matters Arising

3. **MEMBERS SEMINAR – 14TH NOVEMBER 2012**

With regards to the recent landslide in Ystalyfera, officers highlighted how important it is for Elected Members to attend the resilience seminars which are arranged from time to time, as an incident can happen in any ward, at any time.

4. **WALES AUDIT OFFICE REPORT (WAO) – CIVIL EMERGENCIES IN WALES**

Members were briefed on the WAO report entitled “Civil Emergencies in Wales”, published on 6th December 2012, as contained in Appendix 1 of the circulated report.

It was noted that the WAO report had taken two years to produce and some of the data was, therefore, out of date. However, there were several references in the report to good practice at Neath Port Talbot and Swansea. In particular, the existence and work of the Neath Port Talbot / Swansea Joint Resilience Committee had been highlighted.

The Chair complimented both Authorities for the work undertaken and the recognition shown by the Welsh Audit Office contained in the circulated report.

A report will be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee to update Members on the outcomes of the WAO report.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted.

5. **SOUTH WALES LOCAL AUTHORITY RESILIENCE TEAM**

The Committee were updated on the work undertaken by the South Wales Local Authority Team during 2012/13, ie the resilience staff employed by each of the local authorities which comprise the South Wales Police / South Wales Local Resilience Forum area.

The South Wales Local Authority Resilience Team would in future be operating under one brand, which would be rolled out during 2013/14. The team were currently meeting monthly to prepare a unified multi-agency resilience work programme for all seven local Authorities.

The Chairman stated that it was collaboration at its best where Local Authorities were working together on a large scale and should be publicised.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted.

6. **SEVESO III DIRECTIVE BRIEFING PAPER**

The Committee were given a brief overview of the Seveso III EU Directive that would come into force in June 2015, as detailed in the circulated report. The Seveso III Directives had been developed and adopted due to major chemical accidents. The Seveso accident in 1976 prompted the adoption of EU legislation aimed at the prevention and control of such accidents.

The Seveso directives now apply to around 10,000 industrial establishments where dangerous substances are used or stored. This could mean the number of COMAH sites increasing across Neath Port Talbot and Swansea, which would have an impact on the amount of work carried out by the JRU to fulfil its duties under the COMAH regulations. A further report would be submitted to this Committee in due course so that Members can be updated about further potential implications.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted.

7. **PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE JOINT RESILIENCE UNIT 2013/14**

Mr. G.Jones gave Members an overview of the proposed work programme for the Joint Resilience Unit for 2013/14, as detailed in the circulated report.

Updates will be submitted to future Committee meetings along with details of how Members can get involved with some of the planned exercises.

RECOMMENDED: that the report be noted.

8. **JOINT RESILIENCE NEWSLETTER**

A copy of the recently published Newsletter was circulated at the meeting for Members' information and would be sent out to all Members in Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.

9. **FUTURE MEETING**

It was noted that the next Committee meeting would be held on Friday, 3rd May 2013, at Swansea.

10. **URGENT ITEM**

The Committee received an update on the recent regional Community Cohesion Event attended by Mr.G. Jones and Mr.J.Stephens, involving representatives from Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea. This Committee will be updated about future Community Cohesion events.

11. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12, 13 and 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

**Private Joint Report of the Lead Heads of Service for Resilience for
Neath Port Talbot CBC and City and County of Swansea**

12. **YSTALYFERA LANDSLIDE**

Members were given an illustrative presentation on the landslide at Ystalyfera which occurred on 23rd December 2012, as detailed in the private circulated report.

CHAIRMAN