

**Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee**  
**held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,**  
**on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2004 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor J R Harris  
Deputy Mayor - Mrs S M Cox  
Councillors – G A Cox (arrived item 9), W H Evans and J L Jones.

**In Attendance:**  
Town Clerk - Mr. Andrew Davies

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors – V W Eveleigh and H W Field

**Item 2: Declaration of Interests.**  
None.

**Item 3: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid**  
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003 and the statement of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003 were circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 17<sup>th</sup> December 2003 to 6<sup>th</sup> January 2004 was circulated to members and read.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2003.**  
Item 11.5 - The Town Clerk advised members that it is anticipated that the web site will 'go live' in February.

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2003.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 6: Grant Aid.**  
6.1 Letter received from Vale Plus making application for financial assistance towards the establishment of an outreach service in the rural vale. The organisation provides opportunities for young people with disabilities.  
**Noted.**

6.2 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Prevention Panel requesting financial assistance towards the costs of the mobile exhibition unit, which is taken to local shows, fetes and community events  
**Noted.**

**Item 7. Post of Amenity Supervisor.**  
The Town Clerk confirmed that the position was advertised before Christmas in the Gem newspaper and several applications have been received. The closing date is Thursday 8 January 2004.

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- Item 8. Lease relating to Old Boilerhouse, Holy Cross Church**  
The Town Clerk is still waiting for a response from Canon Belcher.
- Item 9. Budget 2004/2005**  
The Chairman circulated members of the committee with details of current and proposed budget figures together with budget requirements of the Leisure and Amenities Town Hall Committees.  
Members discussed the budget proposals at length.  
**Proposed** by Councillor J L Jones, seconded by Councillor G A Cox and **recommended** that in order to achieve a balanced budget the precept be increased by 2.5%. (see Appendix I attached)
- 9.1 Received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, details of Council Tax Precepts for 2004/2005. A levy of £1.00 would produce £2,300.00.  
**Noted.**
- Item 10: Correspondence.**  
10.1 Received from Welsh Assembly Government – Circular relating to the Local Government Act 1972 : General Disposal Consent (Wales) 2003 – Disposal of Land in Wales by Authorities for Less than Best Consideration.  
**Noted.**  
(Held by the Town Clerk.)
- Item 11: Any other business.**  
No matters arising.
- Item 12: Date and Time of next Meeting.**  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2004 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris  
**Chairman.**