

**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> February 2007 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor J R Harris.  
Vice Chair - Councillor L E Taylor.  
Mayor - Councillor Mrs L Adams.  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor H Ll Morgan  
Councillors – G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox and A Thomas

**In Attendance:**

Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**

Councillors: W H Evans and Mrs M Y Williams M B E

**Item 2: Declaration of Interests.**

Councillor G A Cox Item 6.4 – Grant Aid Application for Cowbridge in Bloom.

**Item 3: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid**

Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> January and the statements of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 were circulated to members and read.

**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 24<sup>th</sup> January to 6<sup>th</sup> February was circulated to members and read.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007.**

Councillor J R Harris referred to 11.1 ('Money Market') and confirmed that the current interest rate is 4.44%.

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2007.**

No matters arising.

**Item 6: Grant Aid.**

6.1 Application from Macmillan Cancer Support towards the running costs of the charity.

**Noted.**

6.2 Acknowledgement received from the Christmas Tree Festival Planning Committee, Holy Cross Church for the grant aid payment made towards the festival.

**Noted.**

6.3 Acknowledgement received from The Samaritans in respect of the Grant Aid payment made by the Town Council.

**Noted**

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**Item 6: Grant Aid (continued)**

*Councillor G A Cox left the meeting whilst the following item was discussed.*

6.4 Application received from Cowbridge in Bloom for financial support towards the 'summer planting' of the baskets and planters.

**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor, that a payment of £225.00 be made to 'Cowbridge in Bloom'.

**Resolved** that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Committee approves the payment of the sum of £225.00.

**Item 7: Consideration of 'A Good Practice Guide for Community and Town Councils'. (item 11 Full Council 19/12/06 refers).**

The following items were put forward for consideration by Full Council

- Raising the profile of the Town Council
  - Annual Report/newsletter/column in the Gem.
  - Distribution by Members.
- Raising the awareness of the local community to local organisations and activities.
  - Information evening in September in the Town Hall.
  - Invite local organisations.
  - Make youngsters and adults aware of what is going on for them.

**Item 8: Correspondence.**

8.1 To consider an enquiry received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to a 'Rough Sleeper Count'. This is a requirement within the National Assembly's Homeless Strategy for local Authorities to undertake a count during the first week of March. The Vale of Glamorgan Council are asking for any local knowledge of instances of people sleeping rough in the Vale of Glamorgan area. A response is required by 7 February

**Noted.**

Members are not aware of any such examples in the Cowbridge area.

**Item 9: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman**

9.1 War Memorial outside the Town Hall

**Recommended** that as a matter of policy, the wreaths placed around the memorial on Remembrance Sunday are removed at the end of December, except for four, which should remain until Easter.

9.2 Members discussed the possibility of making a contribution towards the Physic Garden and Councillor J R Harris will investigate.

**Item 10: Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris  
**Chairman.**