

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 6th March 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor J R Harris.
Vice Chair - Councillor L E Taylor.
Deputy Mayor – Councillor H L I Morgan (arrived item 3)
Councillors – G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox, W H Evans and A Thomas

In Attendance:
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillor Mrs L Adams and Mrs M Y Williams MBE.

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
None.

Item 3: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1st April 2006 to 28th February and the statements of bank balances as at 28th February 2007 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 20th February to 6th March was circulated to members and read.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 5th February 2007.
Councillor J R Harris referred to item 9.2 and advised members that the purchase of the plinth and lectern for the Physic Garden is progressing.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 20th February 2007.
5.1 To amend standing orders in line with the resolution passed under item 11.
Recommended that the following insertion is made on page four of Standing Orders between 13g (Road Safety) and 13h (Reports):

[At this point in the meeting, should there be members of the public present who wish to address the council, the meeting shall be adjourned for a maximum of fifteen minutes and each member of the public present who wishes to speak, be allotted a set period of time.]

5.2 To give consideration to the letter received from Creative Rural Communities in respect of Axis Funding.

The following items were put forward for consideration:

- Planting of spring flowers e.g. bulbs/primroses on the approaches to Cowbridge and an area of land adjacent to Penny Lane.
- Self propelled/automated Watering machine for use to water hanging baskets etc.
- Enhancement of Woodland Areas.
- Town Walls.

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- Item 6: Grant Aid.**
- 6.1 Application from Madeleine Edgeworth for financial assistance towards the cost of attending the 21st World Scout Jamboree, which is being held in Essex in July.
Noted.
It was agreed that the Madelaine Edgeworth should be advised of charities in the area to which a grant application may be submitted for consideration.
- 6.2 Application from Sean Edgeworth for financial assistance towards the cost of attending the 21st World Scout Jamboree, which is being held in Essex in July.
Noted.
It was agreed that the Sean Edgeworth should be advised of charities in the area to which a grant application may be submitted for consideration.
- Item 7: To review the fees charged by the Town Council in respect of:**
- (a) Limes Cemetery**
Proposed by Councillor J R Harris seconded by Councillor L E Taylor that the fees charged in relation to the Limes Cemetery are increased by 5%, rounded up to the nearest £1.00.
Recommended as proposed.
- (b) Town Hall**
Proposed by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that the hire charges for the Town Hall are increased by 5%, rounded up to the nearest £1.00
- Item 8: To fix meeting dates for 2007/2008.**
Recommended that the dates circulated be adopted.
- Item 9: Annual Salary Review**
Councillor J R Harris outlined the current salary points of each member of staff. Members discussed Mrs Jackie Griffin's post and agreed that acknowledgement should be made for the work she undertakes particularly in the absence of the Town Clerk.
Proposed by Councillor H L Morgan, seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, that Mrs Griffin is moved from point 12 to point 13 on the salary scale.
Recommended as proposed.
- Item 10: Correspondence.**
- 10.1 To note letter received from the Welsh Assembly Government in respect of Borrowing by Town & Community Councils in 2007 – 2008. The letter drew attention to a change in the maximum repayment period, which has been increased to fifty years. Applications for any borrowing approval must be submitted by 16th March 2007.
Noted.
- 10.2 To note letter received from the Welsh Assembly Government advising that the appropriate sum under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 has been raised to £5.64 per local government elector.
Noted.

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Item 11: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman

11.1 Members discussed the availability of funding from Creative Rural Communities to cover the purchase banners to advertise Cowbridge as a Fair Trade town. **Recommended** that the funding available should be taken advantage of and purchase of the banners made which are estimated at £170.00.

11.2 Members discussed the state of former restaurant 'Mulligans', both the building itself and also the surrounding areas within its boundary. **Recommended** that a letter is sent to the estate agents who are handling the sale of the property, to express how appalled the Town Council is about both the state of the building and of the site, which is now attracting illegal 'fly tipping.' It was agreed that a copy of the letter should be sent to the Head of Visible Services at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 12: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday 3rd April 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris
Chairman.