

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Wednesday 5th March 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor J R Harris
Deputy Mayor – Councillor D W Morris
Councillors – G A Cox (*arrived Item 7*), Mrs S M Cox, W H Evans and A Thomas.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillors: H LI-Morgan, L E Taylor and Mrs M Y Williams MBE.

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 5th February 2008
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 19th February 2008.
Item 9c – Councillor J R Harris confirmed that a meeting had been held to discuss an application to Ystradowen Allotment and Ground Recreation Charity and as a result a letter has been sent to explore the possibility of a grant for some play equipment in Aberthin.

Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1st April 2007 to 29th February 2008 and the statements of bank balances as at 29th February 2008 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 20th February - 5th March was circulated to members and read.

Item 6: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery
To consider the response received from Peter Evans, the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The letter confirmed that the sewer is not a public sewer and that the Town Council has no direct responsibility for the sewer's repair or maintenance.

Proposed by Councillor W H Evans, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that a reply is sent to Mr Peter Evans at the Vale of Glamorgan Council on the basis of the draft attached as appendix 1.
Recommended as proposed.

This item of the meeting was suspended until such time that the Chairman of the Leisure and Amenities Committee was able to join it at which stage he was advised of the discussions, which had taken place.

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Item 7: Grant Aid.

7.1 Application for financial assistance received from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod 2008.

Noted.

7.2 Application received from Kidney Wales Foundation for financial assistance.

Noted.

Item 8: Correspondence.

Letter received from a year 10 student at Cowbridge Comprehensive requesting a week of work experience between 7th –11th July in the Town Hall Offices. It was agreed that enquiries should be made with the school to ask if the student could work for approximately half of the day as the office is closed at 1pm.

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

No matters arising.

Item 10: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday 8th April 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris
Chairman.

Andrew Davies

6th March 2008

My ref: AD

Mr P H Evans
Director
Legal, Public Protection and Housing
The Vale of Glamorgan Council
Civic Offices
Holton Road
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Vale of Glamorgan
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Dear Mr Evans

Extension of the Limes Cemetery, Cowbridge.

Thank you for your reply and the attention you have given to this matter.

The Town Council appreciates your advice regarding the question of diversion of the sewer and what needs to be done to achieve this. However, this Council has neither the staff nor authority to undertake such a coordinating and consultative exercise. All matters relating to sewerage and housing were passed to the Vale of Glamorgan Council under the Local Government Act 1972, effective from 1974.

This situation is one that this Council would like to progress at the earliest opportunity in order to obtain the maximum area available for burial and to continue the same quality of cemetery which exists in the section currently in use.

A diversion of the sewer could be made aesthetically satisfactory and besides maximising grave space available, would result in any future maintenance being less invasive and consequently less stressful to visitors and relatives.

To summarise, this Council is relying upon your Authority's assistance to bring about a solution to this problem. Whilst it is understood that there will probably be costs on your part, the Town Council cannot give any consideration to any financial impact on itself until proper estimates are prepared and agreed which this council is unable to carry out itself for the reasons stated.

Would it be possible to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Town Council, possibly in Cowbridge, with those of your officers who would be significantly involved in order to attempt to bring about a satisfactory outcome to this matter?

Yours sincerely

A Davies
Town Clerk.

cc. Mr J Maitland Evans, Chief Executive, Vale of Glamorgan Council.
Vale Councillors Mrs C Clay, G A Cox and T Hunter Jarvie.