

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor J R Harris  
Vice Chairman – Councillor L E Taylor  
Mayor – Councillor D W Morris  
Councillors – D E Magnay, Mrs S Massey and A Thomas.

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

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors Mrs S M Cox and Mrs A E Harding.

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

**Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/Accounts to be paid**  
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and the statements of bank balances as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 18<sup>th</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> March was circulated to members and read.

The chairman reported that Mr John Rixon has been transferred from the bank. Members agreed that the new manager should be approached to continue the practice.

**Item 6: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 7: Grant Aid.**  
7.1 Application received from Vale Plus for financial assistance towards the running costs of their Saturday Social scheme.  
**Noted.**

7.2 Application received from Macmillan Cancer Support for financial assistance towards the funds required to provide specialist Macmillan professionals who deliver cancer care.  
**Noted.**

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- Item 8: Review of Town Hall Hiring Fees.**  
**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D Magnay that the hiring charges for the Town Hall remain unaltered for the financial year 2009/2010.  
**Recommended** as proposed.
- Item 9: To consider vandalised seat in Old Hall Gardens.**  
Members of the committee discussed the bench that has recently been vandalised beyond repair in Old Hall Gardens. The seat was provided by the people of Cowbridge to commemorate the bravery and heroism of Mr Gerry Hales and Mr Joseph Gatt.  
**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor that a replacement bench to match existing benches in the gardens is purchased by the Town Council with the commemorative plaque attached.  
**Recommended** as proposed.
- Item 10: Correspondence.**
- 10.1 Letter received from Cardiff County Council in respect of the Local Government Pension Scheme and detailing employee and employer contributions from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.  
**Noted.**
- 10.2 Letter received from the Welsh Assembly Government in respect of Borrowing by Community and Town Councils in 2009-10. Applications are required by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2009.  
**Noted.**
- 10.3 Letter received from the Welsh Assembly Government advising that the appropriate sum under Section 137 (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 has been increased to £6.15 per elector.  
**Noted.**
- 10.4 To note Employers' Organisation Advisory Bulletin  
**Noted.**
- 10.2 To note the draft proposals Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales – Review of Community Boundaries in the Vale of Glamorgan. The Review has no direct affect on the Town Council's boundaries.  
**Noted.**
- Item 11: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
- 11.1 The Chairman reported that he, the Mayor and Town Clerk had an informal meeting with members of the Glamorgan Gem regarding their interest in the Town Guide publication.
- Item 12: Date and Time of next Meeting.**  
Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris  
**Chairman.**