

**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 4<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 7.00pm.**

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

**In Attendance:**

Administration Assistant - Mrs Jackie Griffin

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors G A Cox and Mrs M Y Williams M.B.E.  
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

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

**Item 3: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid**  
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 and the statements of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 were circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 was circulated to members and read.

The payment to Norman Evans for repairs to the Boiler was queried and it was confirmed that it related to the boiler in the Robing Room, which required emergency repairs.

Councillor J R Harris advised that the final figures in the Receipts and Payments Accounts would reflect the wages increase and total expenditure would be approximately £152,854 and resulting in a probable deficit in the year of between £4,000 and £5,000. This had already been catered for when setting the local council tax in January.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2006.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2006.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 6: Grant Aid.**

6.1 Application for financial assistance received from Wales Air Ambulance  
**Noted.**

Councillor Mrs G Baty advised that she would hold a Coffee Morning in support of this charity.

6.2 Application for financial assistance received from Vale of Glamorgan Crime Prevention Panel  
**Noted.**

**Item 6: Grant Aid. (Continued)**

- 6.3 Letter of thanks received from Cowbridge Senior Citizens Association in acknowledgement of the grant aid payment from the Town Council.  
**Noted.**

**Item 7: Correspondence.**

- 7.1 Letter received from Public Services Ombudsman for Wales giving details of important changes and requesting that the Council is made aware of the implications. The letter advises of action to be taken to deal with complaints against community councils.  
Members of the Committee recommend that when letters of complaint are received from the public, they should be made aware of their right to complain to the Public Services Ombudsman.
- 7.2 Letter received from One Voice Wales acknowledging the suggestions made by the Town Council for future training.  
**Noted.**
- 7.3 Notification received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to the Non-Domestic Rates for the Limes Cemetery and Town Hall for 2006/2007. They now exceed £10,000 per annum.  
**Noted.**

**Item 8: Any Other Business.**

- 8.1 Councillor L E Taylor advised of his concerns regarding the cessation of a NHS Dentist in Cowbridge and referred to an item in the Gem newspaper of 23<sup>rd</sup> March.  
**Proposed** by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor W H Evans, that a letter is sent to the Chief Executive of the Local Health Board to make enquiries as to the possibility of an NHS Dentist setting up in Cowbridge.  
**Recommended** as proposed.
- 8.2 Councillor Mrs S M Cox expressed concerns regarding declarations of interests, particularly if persons inadvertently did not declare an interest that was later discovered, the decisions of the Council would then be declared void. It was agreed that clarity on this issue is required with regard to:-
- When a declaration should be made;
  - When a person should leave the meeting;
  - Details of why a person is making a declaration;
  - Planning issues and when a person should declare an interest.
- Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor W H Evans, that an Officer from the Vale of Glamorgan Council is invited to give a presentation to the Town Council on the subject of declarations of interest.  
**Recommended** as proposed.
- 8.3 Councillor Mrs G Baty advised that the disabled bay outside 44 High Street is unable to be utilised due to the workmen's equipment and materials taking up the whole bay including the disabled parking space.
- 8.4 **Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that a letter is sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council advising of the names of traders who are continuing to place their 'A' boards outside the Town Hall and also make the Vale Council aware of the larger boards, which have recently been placed on the pavement.  
**Recommended** as proposed.

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**Item 8: Any Other Business. (Continued)**

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Councillor Mrs G Baty advised that she has been invited to arrange a tour of the new Welsh Assembly Government building. Should members wish to participate the tour is arranged for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am and anyone interested in attending should advise Councillor Mrs Baty.

**Item 9: Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris  
**Chairman.**