

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 3rd April 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 (*arrived item 3*)
Councillors – G A Cox (*arrived item 3*), Mrs S M Cox, W H Evans, A Thomas
and Mrs M Y Williams MBE

In Attendance:

Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence

All members present.

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 31st March and the statements of bank balances as at 31st March 2007 were circulated to members and read.

Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 21st March to 3rd April was circulated to members and read.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 5th March 2007.

Councillor J R Harris referred to Item 4 and confirmed that the invoice for the plinth in the Physic Garden has been received.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 20th March 2007.

No matters arising.

Item 6: Grant Aid.

6.1 Application from Vale of Glamorgan Crime Prevention Panel for financial assistance towards the running costs of operating their mobile display unit at local events.

Noted.

6.2 Application for financial assistance towards the running costs of the Wales Air Ambulance service.

Noted.

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- Item 7: Correspondence.**
- 7.1 To note letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of non domestic Rates 2007/8. The non-domestic rate for the Limes Cemetery is £134.40 and for the Town Hall is £10,528.00.
Noted.
- 7.2 To note letter received from Western Mail and Echo giving details of area and town guides that they produce. The letter advises that the company can produce an official town guide for the council at no cost to the council as the advertising spaces are sold and the editorial, photographs and distribution of the guides is carried out by the Western Mail and Echo.
Recommend that further enquiries be made.
- 7.3 Members considered the report of the External Auditor for the year ended 31st March 2006 and the observations made.
Recommended that appointment of the internal auditor is made an annual agenda item.
- Item 8: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
- 8.1 Councillor J R Harris advised members that the fixed term for the investment on the Money Market is due to expire at the end of April.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor W H Evans, that the sum is re-invested provided that a suitable rate of interest is available.
Recommended as proposed.
- 8.2 Members discussed an informal approach from Canon Belcher, which has been made through the Mayor, for the use of the Robing Room in order to provide a weekly Counselling service.
Recommended that the request is made in writing and that information of how it will operate is given. The matter can then be given further consideration.
- 8.3 Councillor L E Taylor referred to the lack of provision of ‘diary of events’ information at the library, which was apparently the case previously. Members discussed the possible use of the Vale of Glamorgan Council Website, which has a provision for forthcoming events, and this might be a method through which information of events could be disseminated.
Recommended that further enquiries be made about the use of this provision.
- Item 9: Date and Time of next Meeting.**
Wednesday 9th May 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris
Chairman.