

**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 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor J R Harris  
Vice Chairman – Councillor L E Taylor  
Mayor – Councillor H Ll-Morgan (arrived item 6)  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor D W Morris  
Councillors –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**  
Councillor G A Cox.

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

**Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008**  
No matters arising.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid**  
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 and the statements of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 were circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 19<sup>th</sup> March - 8<sup>th</sup> April was circulated to members and read.

**Item 6: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery.**  
Members considered a letter received from the Director of the Legal, Public Protection and Housing Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council in which he advised that the authority was under no obligation to carry out any diversion work or a feasibility study in relation to any proposed diversion. The writer offered a meeting between representatives of the Town Council and the Head of Visible Services at the Alps complex at Wenvoe.  
**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor W H Evans that a meeting is arranged to take place as soon as possible with Mr Miles Punter, Head of Visible Services, attended by the Town Clerk, Councillor J R Harris and Councillor A Williams.  
**Resolved** as proposed.

**Item 7: Grant Aid.**  
7.1 Letter of acknowledgement received from Cowbridge (Gateway) Monday Club for the financial contribution made towards its running costs.  
**Noted.**

**Item 7: Grant Aid. (continued)**

- 7.2 Application received from Cowbridge Allotments Association for a grant towards the replacement of corrugated roofing for the two sheds, which stand-alone from the others. Quotations have been received and the smallest submitted with the letter of application. **Proposed** by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor W H Evans, and **recommended** that a letter is sent to suggest that additional grant funding be investigated with the Vale of Glamorgan Council specifically in relation to a 'Community Grant' and that additional quotations are obtained.  
The matter was adjourned until the next committee meeting for further consideration.
- 7.3 Acknowledgement from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod for the financial contribution made by the Town Council. The letter also gave the opportunity of two complimentary tickets to the event.  
It was suggested that the tickets might be used as a raffle prize/auction item at the Mayor's Ball in April which would mean any proceeds going to charity.
- 7.4 Application for financial assistance received from Maesteg Animal Welfare Society towards the running costs of the organisation.  
**Noted.**

**Item 8: The Allotment and Recreation Ground Charity, Ystradowen**

Letter received from the charity in response to the letter of application sent by the Town Council in relation to the provision of funding towards some play equipment in Aberthin. The letter advised that the Trust would be prepared to give a grant of £1,250 subject to the condition that match funding is obtained from other sources to enable the project to proceed.  
**Proposed** by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that the letter be acknowledged and the Trust advised that enquiries are to be made for additional funding. Also, that letters should be written to each of the Cowbridge Charities and Cowbridge Charter Trust to investigate the possibility of any funding/grants being available.  
**Recommended** as proposed.

**Item 9: Correspondence.**

- 9.1 Notification received from Vale of Glamorgan Council to confirm that the Domestic Rates for the Town Hall and Limes cemetery are £10,951.00 and £139.80 respectively.  
**Noted.**
- 9.2 Letter received from Cardiff County Council confirming the employer's contribution rates for the next three years in respect of the Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund.  
**Noted.**
- 9.3 Letter received from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales enclosing two guidance booklets, 'Principles of Good Administration' and 'Principles for Redress'.  
**Noted.**  
Members of the committee agreed that copies should be circulated to all members of the Town Council for information.
- 9.4 Letter received from Zurich Insurance Company confirming that the Town Council's insurance will provide cover in respect of the Corporate Homicide and Corporate Manslaughter Act 2007, which came into force on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
**Noted.**

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**Item 10: Salary Review**

Members of the committee confirmed that the Town Clerk should move to spinal point 37 on LC1 Scale in accordance with decision made by the Town Council in September 2005. All other salary scales remain unaltered.

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

11.1 It was agreed that the Shed at the Limes should be placed on the next committee agenda.

11.2 Tree in Poplars Park – The matter is being pursued by the Vale of Glamorgan Council with the owners of the land on the opposite bank.

**Item 12: Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 at 7.00pm.

**Chairman.**