

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 8th June 2004 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor J R Harris
Mayor – Councillor H W Field
Councillors G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox, W H Evans, and J L Jones.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Mr. Andrew Davies

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
V W Eveleigh.

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
None.

Item 3: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1st April 2003 to 31st May 2004 and the statement of bank balances as at 31st May 2004 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 19th May 2004 to 8th June 2004 was circulated to members and read.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 5th May 2004.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 18th May 2004.
5.1 Members discussed the matter raised at Full Council in relation to adjourning the business of the Annual General Meeting to Thursday 24th June 2004 rather than Wednesday 23rd June 2004. This would allow for any absences of Vale Councillors and/or guests required to attend the Vale of Glamorgan Council AGM.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs S M Cox, seconded by H W Field that Standing Order 12q be suspended and that the Annual General Meeting is adjourned until Thursday 24th June 2004.
Recommended as proposed.

Item 6: Grant Aid.
6.1 Letter received from South Wales Police requesting financial assistance towards the costs of 'We are the Champions' competition involving local junior schools.
Proposed by Councillor H W Field, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that a payment of £75 is made.
Resolved that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Committee approves the payment of the sum of £75.00 to South Wales Police.

6.2 Application from Shelter Cymru for Financial Assistance towards the costs of providing the service.
Noted

Item 6: Grant Aid.(continued)

6.3 Letter of thanks from received from Cowbridge in Bloom for the grant aid payment.
Noted.

Item 7 Correspondence.

7.1 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund – Draft Funding Strategy Statement.
Noted.

7.2 Letter received from the Local Government and Public Services Committee of the National Assembly for Wales enclosing terms of reference for an enquiry being conducted into the operation of the public services regulation and inspection regime in Wales and inviting submissions of comments from interested parties.
Noted.

7.3 Letter received from the Cardiff and the Vale Association of Local Councils detailing the ‘winding up’ arrangements for the Association and enclosing a cheque in the sum of £37.71 representing this council’s share of the outstanding balances.
The letter advised that a letter will shortly be sent out to invite nominations for the appointment of two Members to the new Area Committee for Cardiff Bridgend and Vale of Glamorgan and a meeting will be convened shortly after this.
Noted
Recommended that in preparation for of this any member of this council wishing their name to be put forward should make it known at the AGM.

7.4 Letter received from Welsh Assembly Government in respect of the Local Government Act 1972 – Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
It had been the intention for any revisions to be in place before these latest elections but it has been decided that they should be the subject of further debate and will not therefore be in force until 1 September and the existing form of declaration will be used until that time.
Noted.

Item 8: Any Other Business.

8.1 The Town Clerk circulated a notice, which he had drawn up using a sample which he had received from the Electoral Registration Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the vacancies, which are to be filled by way of co-option. The notice is to be displayed from Monday 14 June for a period of 14 days. Members approved the notice, which they agreed should be placed in the Gem newspaper as well as being displayed on the public notice boards with a slight amendment incorporated so that it is clear that **any** qualifying elector may show interest and is not necessary for them to reside within the specified Wards.

Councillor G A Cox, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Councillor Jon Harris for his work as Chairman of the Committee and he in turn thanked the members for their support.

Item 9: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday 6th July 2004 at 7.00pm.

Chairman.