

**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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams  
Councillors – G A Cox, W H Evans (arrived item 11) J R Harris, L E Taylor,  
A Thomas and Mrs M Y Williams M.B.E.

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

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors: Mrs S M Cox, and H Ll Morgan

**Item 2: Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.**  
**Proposed** by Councillor G A Cox, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Y Williams MBE, that Councillor J R Harris be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.  
**Resolved** as proposed.

**Proposed by** Councillor Mrs L Adams, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that Councillor L E Taylor be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.  
**Resolved** as proposed.

**Item 3: Declaration of Interests.**  
None.

**Item 4: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid**  
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006 and the statements of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006 were circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 17<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 was circulated to members and read.

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2006.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 6: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 7: Grant Aid.**  
7.1 Letter received from Holy Cross Parish Church requesting a donation towards the Flower Festival being held between 29<sup>th</sup> June and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2006 to raise funds towards the restoration of the fabric of the church.  
**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams, that a payment of £50.00 be made towards the Holy Cross Church Flower Festival  
**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 £50.00.

**Item 8. Casual Vacancy.**

The Town Clerk advised the Committee that notices, provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council, have been posted on the Town Council's notice boards. The closing date on the notice is specified as 12noon Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2006 for an election to be requested.

**Item 9: Vacancy for Mace-Bearer.**

The Committee **recommends** that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and the Chair of Finance and General Purposes Committee should undertake interviews and should take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2006 at 6.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour.

**Item 10: Correspondence.**

10.1 Letter received from One Voice Wales acknowledging the fact that the Town Council has renewed its membership of the organisation and providing general information about the membership, which now totals 528 members.

**Noted.**

10.2 Letter received from Pinnacle Office Equipment advising of an increase of 7% increase on the copy costs, which will take effect from June 2006. The increase reflects annual inflation and increases from suppliers.

Members discussed the price increase and **recommend** that a response is sent to express the disappointment of the Town Council who consider the increase to be unacceptable and well above the rate of inflation.

10.3 Response received from Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of letter sent about unauthorised signs on the highway and advising that letters have been sent to the traders concerned. Also enclosed was a copy of the guidelines set up by the Vale of Glamorgan Highways Authority in order to provide safe passage for pedestrians over the footway.

**Noted.**

Councillor G A Cox will investigate the matter and report back.

**Item 11: Any Other Business.**

11.1 Members agreed that the Committee to discuss the Citizen of the Year Award should meet on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour.

11.2 Members discussed and agreed that consideration should be given to the present number of committees and this should be looked at in October so that should any decision be made for changes, they can be put in place in time for next year.

11.3 The members of the Committee discussed and expressed dissatisfaction in the current method of presentation of the budgets prepared by the two 'spending' committees and **recommend** that a more 'business like' approach is taken by each. It was suggested that a start is made in September.

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

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris  
**Chairman.**