

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

**Present:** Mayor – Councillor Councillor D W Morris  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor J R Harris  
Councillors –Mrs A E Harding, L E Taylor and A Thomas.

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

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillor G A Cox and Mrs S M Cox.

**Item 2: Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.**  
**Proposed** by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that Councillor J R Harris be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.  
**Resolved** as proposed.

**Proposed** by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor Mrs A E Harding, that Councillor LE Taylor is appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.  
**Resolved** as proposed.

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

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008**  
4.1 Letter received from the Clerk to the Evans Jenkins Charity advising that it cannot offer any financial assistance for the provision of play equipment at Aberthin as it falls outside the Charity's trust deed.  
**Noted.**

4.2 The Town Clerk confirmed that he has written to the Allotment Association and requested further quotations to be provided. (Item 7.2)

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May April 2008.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 6: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid**  
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008 and the statements of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2008 were circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 15<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June was circulated to members and read.

- Item 7: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery.**  
7.1 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the Vale of Glamorgan Council giving estimated costs of £1000.00 for a feasibility study for the diversion of the private sewer that runs through the extension of the cemetery. The study would include a site survey, the production of a sketch plan/sections cost estimate of diversion and replacement of existing and liaison with DCWW on possible connection to public sewer.  
**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor A Thomas and **recommended** that the Town Council requests the Vale of Glamorgan Council to proceed with the feasibility study on the basis of the estimates provided.
- Item 8: To consider the letter received from the Local Government Boundary Commission referred from Full Council.**  
The letter welcomes any views that the Town Council may have on changes to the boundaries of adjoining communities.  
**Recommendation** that the Boundary Commission is advised that the Town Council has no suggested changes to put forward.
- Item 9: Grant Aid.**  
9.1 Application from The Samaritans for financial support towards the running costs of the organisation, which supports communities within the Bridgend, Vale and Valleys areas.  
**Proposed** by Councillor LE Taylor, seconded by Councillor A Thomas, that a payment of £150.00 be made to the Samaritans at Bridgend towards its running costs.  
**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 £150.00 to the Samaritans.
- 9.2 Application for financial assistance received from Helen Ellis towards her daughter's vocational ballet training at the Arts Educational School in Tring.  
**Noted.**  
S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 does not permit financial assistance to be paid to individuals.
- 9.3 Application for financial assistance from Cowbridge Senior Citizens for financial assistance towards the running costs of the organisation.  
**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that a payment of £150.00 be made to 'Cowbridge Senior Citizens' towards their running costs.  
**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 £150.00 to 'Cowbridge Senior Citizens'
- 9.4 Application for financial assistance received from Cowbridge in Bloom towards the summer planting for 2008.  
**Proposed** by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor A Thomas, that a payment of £225.00 be made to 'Cowbridge in Bloom'.  
**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 £225.00 to 'Cowbridge in Bloom'.
- Item 10: Draft Fire and Rescue National Framework**  
Members of the Committee were circulated with the consultation draft Framework.  
**Recommended** that the Town Clerk responds with a suitably draft letter to state that the Town Council fully supports the proposals, particularly those referred to in respect of 'Retained Duty System'

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- Item 11: Shed at the Limes.**  
**Proposed** by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor J R Harris and **recommended** that the rent for the shed remain at £700.00 per annum and that it be reviewed in 2009. Revaluation of the shed should take place at the end of 2008.  
**Recommended** as proposed.
- Item 12: Correspondence.**  
12.1 To consider an email received from Councillor A Parsons (a councillor from Rural Cambridgeshire) seeking support for a petition placed on the No.10 Downing Street website. Members of the committee noted the e-mail and agreed that this should be referred to full council in order to allow individual councillors to respond should they wish to.
- Item 13: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**  
Members discussed the cemetery at the Limes and **recommend** that confirmation is sought as to the area which is consecrated.
- Item 14: Date and Time of next Meeting.**  
Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris.  
**Chairman.**