

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 2nd June 2009 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor J R Harris
Deputy Mayor – Councillor L E Taylor
Councillors: G A Cox and Mrs S M Cox. D E Magnay,
D W Morris and A Thomas.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillor Mrs S Massey.

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

Councillor L E Taylor took the Chair.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor A Thomas
that Councillor G A Cox is appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
Resolved as proposed.

Item 3: Declaration of Interests.
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Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 6th May 2009.
The Town Clerk confirmed that he had been in contact with Mr Nick Lloyd to confirm
that the Town Council will deliver the questionnaires in respect of Cowbridge with
Llanblethian Conservation Area Appraisal.
Members of the committee agreed that it should be confirmed that the forms indicate
delivery by the Town Council and that large print forms are available.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 20th May 2009.
No matters arising.

Item 6: Receipts & Payments Account/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payments Accounts for period 1st April 2009 to 31st May 2009 and the
statements of bank balances as at 31st May 2009 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 20th May to 2nd June was circulated to members and
read.

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Councillor G A Cox left the meeting whilst the following item was discussed.

Item 7: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery.

Councillor J R Harris advised the members of the Committee that a letter had been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, enclosing confirmation of the CASH Grant and advising that as soon as the Town Council provides written assurance of its financial commitment towards the diversion of the sewer and associated costs, it will provide a programme for the scheme.

The Town Council resolved at its February meeting that the project should proceed, subject to a successful CASH grant application being made.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D W Morris that the required written assurance of the Town Council's financial commitment towards the project should be sent in writing to the Vale of Glamorgan Council with a maximum ceiling of any associated costs.

Recommended as proposed.

Item 8: Grant Aid.

8.1 Application received from South Wales Police requesting a grant towards the running costs of the competition, 'We are the Champions', which involves Primary Schools throughout the Vale.

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor D Magnay, that a payment of £100 be made to the South Wales Police towards the running costs of the competition 'We are the Champions'.

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 £100 to South Wales Police.

8.2 Acknowledgement from Cowbridge (Gateway) Monday Club; Royal Welsh Show Advisory Committee and Cowbridge in Bloom for the Grant Aid Payments made by the Town Council.

Noted.

8.3 Application from South Wales Police requesting funding towards the 'Annual Police outward bound trip'. The trips involve Comprehensive school students and takes place in July and August. The trips in August involve students from Penarth and Cowbridge at a cost of £25.00 per student, which if no funding is secured, will increase to £38.00.

Noted.

Members of the Committee recommend that whilst they are not in a position to provide any funding this year due to budget constraints, consideration may be given next year when an indication should be given as to the number of students from the Cowbridge area participating. In addition, the response should advise that there are charities within the Cowbridge area that cover the areas of Cowbridge, Llanblethian and Aberthin and that consideration may be given to individual applications made by students considering the outward bound trips.

Item 9: Cowbridge Comprehensive School Prize Giving.

Councillor J R Harris is due to meet the Head teacher on 4th June.

Item 10: Correspondence.

10.1 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council advising that it is currently reviewing the provision of legal services to Town and Community Councils and to contact the writer should the service level agreement be of interest to the Town Council.

Noted.

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Item 10: Correspondence (continued).

- 10.2 To consider letter received from Zurich – Annual Local Council Advisory Service Seminars to be held countrywide during 2009..
Noted.
- 10.3 Letter received from Clydesdale Bank relating to services that it is able to provide Town and Community Councils in Wales.
Noted.
- 10.4 Employers' Organisation Advisory Bulletin – Employers Relations No.550 April 2009 update.
Noted.
- 10.5 To consider letter received from the Welsh Assembly Government attaching a consultation document regarding proposed changes to the Account & Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005
The committee **adjourned** the matter until the next committee meeting to enable the Town Clerk to provide a 'draft' response to the questions provided.
- 10.6 E-Mail received from Councillor A Ernest arising out of a 'Reserved Forces Association AGM' during which it was urged that returning troops from any of the three armed services should be made welcome from a 'Civic Viewpoint' and this may take the form of anything from a march through a town or towns, to afternoon tea with the Mayor or Chairman. The email suggested that flags should be flown and for press and public involvement.
Recommended that a reply should be sent to Councillor Ernest advising that should such circumstances arise that sympathetic consideration will be given to the suggestions made.
- 10.7 Information received regarding an All Wales Convention discussion group that is to take place on Wednesday 10th June 2009 between 2pm and 4pm at Victoria Park Community Centre Barry. The event is called 'The Future of Wales is in Your Hands'
Noted.

Item 11: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.
No matters.

Item 12: Date and Time of next Meeting.
Tuesday, 7th July 2009 at 7.00pm.

Councillor L E Taylor
Chairman.