

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 4th July 2006 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor J R Harris
Mayor - Councillor Mrs L Adams
Deputy Mayor – H Ll Morgan
Councillors – G A Cox, Mrs S M Cox, W H Evans, A Thomas
and Mrs M Y Williams M.B.E.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillor L E Taylor

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
Councillor A Thomas item 6.1 – Grant aid application – ‘Best Kept Village’.

Item 3: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1st April 2006 to 30th June 2006 and the statements of bank balances as at 30th June 2006 were circulated to members and read.

Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 20th June – 4th July 2006 was circulated to members and read.

Councillor J R Harris advised Members that the sum invested on the ‘money market’ was due to expire on 27th July 2006.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs S M Cox that subject to a satisfactory rate the money is re-invested.

Resolved as proposed.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 6th June 2006.

4.1 Councillor J R Harris referred to item 9 and confirmed that two applicants were interviewed for the vacant position of macebearer and Mr Barrie Jenkins was appointed.

It is **recommended** that the sum of £100.00 be paid to Mr Jenkins towards the cost of a new suit and gloves, which he will be required to purchase.

The Town Clerk advised that neither of the current hats is suitable for Mr Jenkins to wear and that only one of the hats is currently serviceable. Mr Jenkins hired a hat the day before Civic Sunday. Members **recommend** that Mr Jenkins be reimbursed for the hire cost of the hat and any travelling expenses incurred and a new hat is purchased to ‘match’ the existing. Should this not be possible it is recommended that two new ‘matching’ hats are purchased.

4.2 Councillor J R Harris referred to Item 11.9 and confirmed the selection of Dr Terry Prosser as the recipient of the ‘Citizen of the Year Award 2006’

Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 20th June 2006.
No matters arising.

Item 6: Grant Aid.

6.1 Letter received from Mr Richard Skinner, Secretary of the Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village Competition requesting financial support for the event.
Noted.

6.2 Letter received from Mr Harry Jones, Committee Co-ordinator of Cowbridge in Bloom, thanking the Town Council for its grant towards the cost of the summer planting.
Noted.

6.3 Letter received from Childline Cymru/Wales requesting financial assistance towards the running of the organisation that involves a free phone helpline for children and young persons.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs L Adams, seconded by Councillor H Ll Morgan, that a payment of £125.00 be made towards the costs of Childline Cymru/Wales.
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 £125.00 in respect of Childline Cymru Wales.

Item 7. Casual Vacancy.

The Town Clerk advised that an advertisement has been placed in the Glamorgan Gem and notices have been placed on the notice boards in respect of the vacancy, which the Town Council can fill by way of co-option. The closing date for anyone who wishes to be considered is Monday 10th July 2006.

Item 8: Correspondence.

8.1 Letter received from Pinnacle Office Equipment confirming that they have reviewed the increase in photocopying costs and these have now been reduced from 7% to 4%.
Noted.

8.2 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the – South East Wales Transport Alliance – Regional Transport Plan Stakeholder Meeting. Enclosed with the letter is a short questionnaire, which anyone who is unable to attend the stakeholder meeting on 6th July is invited to complete to record their views and opinions on a Regional Transport Plan.
It was agreed that due to the shortness of notice of the event that members should complete the questionnaire and return it to the Town Clerk who could then forward them under a covering letter. This would enable all the views of Members to be put forward.

8.3 Information letter received from the Civil Aviation Authority in respect of the introduction of ‘Class D controlled air space in the vicinity of Bristol and Cardiff International Airports.
Noted.

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Item 9: Any Other Business.

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Members considered a letter received in respect of certain elements in the organisation of Civic Sunday, specifically relating to the cubs, scouts and beavers. A draft response from the Mayor was circulated to the committee and approved. Members of the Committee discussed ways of encouraging more people, particularly the young, to participate in the event and it was suggested that if more information was sent about the day and its significance this may help promote it.

- Other points discussed covered the possibility of re-naming the day and even the possibility of abandoning it although no recommendation is made.

Item 10: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday 5th September 2006 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris
Chairman.