

**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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor J R Harris  
Mayor – Councillor H LI Morgan  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor D W Morris  
Councillors – Mrs S M Cox (arrived item 4), W H Evans, L E Taylor  
and A Thomas.

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

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors G A Cox and Mrs M Y Williams MBE

**Item 2: Declaration of Interests.**  
None.

**Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 5: 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> July and  
31<sup>st</sup> August and the statements of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007 were  
circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 18<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> September was circulated to  
members and read.

**Item 6: Grant Aid.**  
6.1 Application for Financial Assistance received from British Red Cross towards the  
running of the organisation.  
**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor L E Taylor,  
that a payment of £50.00 be made to British Red Cross 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 £50.00 to British Red Cross.

**Item 6: Grant Aid.**

- 6.2 Application for Financial Assistance received from South Wales Police towards the cost of running the 'We are the Champions' Competition.  
**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that a payment of £75.00 be made to 'We are the Champions' 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 £75.00 to 'We are the Champions'
- 6.3 Letter received from the head office of the British Heart Foundation suggesting that the organisation 'adopts' the town's Christmas tree during the Christmas period and that donations are made to hang 'hearts' on the tree on which personal message can be written. All the mechanics and administration would be handled by the Foundation.  
**Recommended** that the Town Clerk responds to the request and advises that whilst there is no specific Christmas tree in the town to which the fund raising suggestion could be applied, it is understood that the 'local branch' of the British Heart Foundation already has involvement with the 'Christmas Tree' Festival that is organised by the Holy Cross Church.
- 6.4 Letter of acknowledgement and thanks received from Shelter Cymru in respect of the Grant Aid payment.  
**Noted.**

**Item 7: Correspondence.**

- 7.1 Letter received from BT (British Telecom) to advise that a saving may be made by payment of bills by direct debit and that monthly and quarterly bills will now be subject to an additional fee.  
**Recommended** that arrangements are made for future payments be made using the direct debit system.
- 7.2 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the 'Draft' Vale of Glamorgan Council Improvement Plan 2007/08. (the plan maybe viewed online on the Vale of Glamorgan's Website.) Responses are required by 15<sup>th</sup> September and are welcomed by individual Members.  
**Noted.**

**Item 8: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**

- 8.1 Planning application for a proposed footpath to run alongside the former 'garage site' development leading from the High Street into the Limes.  
It was agreed that the Town Clerk should make enquiries with the planning department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council to find out when a decision on the planning application is likely to be made and emphasise the number of enquiries members of the Town Council are receiving from the public, especially in relation to the wheelchair and pushchair access.

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**Item 8:**  
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**Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.(continued)**

Members discussed the proposed repairs/strengthening to the Ddawan Bridge in Cowbridge High Street, to be carried out by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and which it was understood were due to start last month.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk should make enquiries with the appropriate department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council to find out if the work is still to proceed and draw attention to certain 'significant events' before Christmas, which would be affected if they were to clash with the bridgework. i.e. Food and Drink Festival, Remembrance Sunday and Father Christmas Parade.

**Item 9:**

**Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris  
**Chairman.**