

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 September 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor J R Harris
Vice Chairman – Councillor L E Taylor
Mayor – Councillor D W Morris
Councillors – Mr D E Magnay, Mrs S Massey and A Thomas.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillors Mrs A E Harding, G A Cox and Mrs S M Cox.

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
Councillor D E Magnay (item 8.5.)

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 8th July 2008
Item 7 – Play Equipment at Aberthin.
Members of the committee discussed the lack of any positive feedback from Aberthin residents concerning the possibility of some play equipment being re-instated at Downs View Park. Before proceeding any further it was agreed that posters are displayed in prominent parts of the village in order to encourage residents to express their views either by writing to the Town Council or by contacting their Ward members, Councillors D W Morris and Mrs S Massey.

Item 9.3 – Citizen of the Year Award.

Mr and Mrs Izzard were invited to attend before the next Full Council meeting to enable a short presentation to take place but they have advised that are unable to accept the invitation due to scouting commitments.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D W Morris and **recommended** that the certificate is sent out to Mr and Mrs Izzard by post.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 22nd July 2008.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1st April 2008 to 31st July 2008 and 1st April 2008 to 31st August 2008 and the statements of bank balances as at 31st July 2008 and 31st August 2008 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 23rd July – 2nd September was circulated to members and read.

A **recommendation** is made by the committee for the payment to the Parade Marshall for his services on Civic Sunday to be increased from £25.00 to £30.00.

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Item 6: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery.

The chairman advised that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is waiting for information from Welsh Water after which the feasibility study should be complete.

Item 7: Cowbridge Town Guide.

Recommendation to Full Council for the new Town Guide to be distributed to all residences in the Town Council area at a cost of £92.00.

Item 8: Grant Aid.

8.1 Letter received from Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village Competition for financial assistance towards the running costs of the competition, which now includes local Schools, as well as the villages.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that a payment of £50.00 be made to 'The Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village Competition' towards the running costs of the event.

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 'The Vale of Glamorgan Best Kept Village Competition'

8.2 Letter received from South Wales Police for financial assistance towards the running costs towards the annual 'We Are the Champions' competition, which involves the participation of primary schools throughout the Vale of Glamorgan. Five heats are held at various locations and this results in ten teams taking part in the 'Grand Final'.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that a payment of £100.00 be made to 'We are the Champions' competition towards the running costs of the event.

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 £100.00 towards the 'We are the Champions' competition run by the South Wales Police.

8.3 Letter received from Wales Air Ambulance requesting financial assistance towards the provision of the Service that covers Wales.

Noted.

8.4 Letter received from Cowbridge Senior Citizens to thank the Town Council for the grant made towards their running costs.

Noted.

Councillor D E Magnay left the meeting whilst the following item was discussed.

8.5 Letter received from Cowbridge Allotments Association attaching further quotations for the refurbishment of the roof of one of the two-shed units at the allotment. The cheapest quotation given was in the sum of £135.00.

Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Massey, that a payment of £135.00 be made to Cowbridge Allotment Association' for the refurbishment of the roof of the two-shed unit.

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 £135.00 to Cowbridge Allotment Association.

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- Item 9: Civic Sunday 2009.**
Recommendation to Full Council that next year's Civic Sunday be held on 12th July.
- Item 10: Correspondence.**
- 10.1 Consultation Document – setting local speed limits.
Matter to be listed on Full Council agenda.
- 10.2 Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund Annual Report
Noted.
- Item 11: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
- 11.1 The Town Clerk advised that the Christmas lights which are placed on the trees at Llanblethian and Aberthin require replacement and it was agreed that costs are obtained and the matter listed on the agenda for the next month's meeting.
- Item 12: Date and Time of next Meeting.**
Tuesday, 7th October 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris
Chairman.