

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 8th September 2009 at 7.00pm.

Present: Vice Chairman – Councillor G A Cox
Mayor – Councillor J R Harris
Councillors: Mrs S Massey, and A Thomas.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillors: Mrs S M Cox, D W Morris and L E Taylor

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 7th July 2009.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 21st July 2009.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payments Accounts for period 1st April 2009 to 31st August 2009 and the statements of bank balances as at 31st August 2009 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.
The Town Clerk confirmed that the interest rate on Money Market currently stands at 0.26%.

A list of accounts to be settled from 22nd July – 8th September was circulated to members and read.

Item 6: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery.
The Committee noted an email received by the Town Clerk from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, advising that it is anticipated that work on the sewer diversion will commence in either September or October dependent upon whether formal notice is required to be served on residents.

Item 7: Grant Aid.
7.1 Application received from Shelter Cymru for financial assistance towards the running of the organisation.
Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor A Thomas, that a payment of £75.00 be made to Shelter Cymru towards the running costs of the organisation..
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 Shelter Cymru

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Item 7: Grant Aid (continued).

- 7.2 Application received from Wales Air Ambulance for financial assistance towards the running costs of the service.
Proposed by Councillor A Thomas, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that a payment of £100.00 is made to Wales Air Ambulance towards the running costs of the service.
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 to Wales Air Ambulance.

- 7.3 Application received from Cowbridge Senior Citizens
Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Massey, that a payment of £175.00 be made to Cowbridge Senior Citizens towards the running costs of the organisation.
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 £175.00 to Cowbridge Senior Citizens.

- 7.4 Letters of thanks received from Mencap Cymru and South Wales Police (We are the Champions) for the payments made under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
Noted.

Item 8: Town Council Prize for Citizenship – Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

Members agreed that the Town Clerk should obtain details of the cost of the badge to be given to the recipient of the prize. The badge should incorporate the ‘Town Crest’ and the wording on its perimeter should read ‘Cowbridge Comprehensive School’ ‘Good Citizenship Award.’ It was agreed that an order should be placed for a dozen badges in the first instance.

Item 9: Correspondence.

- 9.1 Letter received from the Welsh Assembly Government regarding consultation on proposed Legislative Competence Order relating to Community Councils and Councillor Recruitment, Retention and Allowances.
The committee **recommend** that ‘One Voice Wales’, who have also been consulted, should respond on behalf of this council and other member councils.
- 9.2 Letter from Cardiff Council enclosing Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2008/9.
Noted.
- 9.3 Letter received from the Welsh Assembly Government enclosing information on ‘Tidy Wales Week 2009’. which is to be held week commencing 21st September 2009.
Noted.
Members of the Committee agreed that an email is sent requesting earlier notification should the event be repeated so that the Town Council could consider organising an event locally.
- 9.4 To note the Employers’ Organisation Advisory Bulletin – No 553, June 2009 update received from the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA).
Noted.

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Item 10: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

10.1 Notification received in respect of this year's Town Guide received from Media Wales. Cost of delivery is quoted at £200.00 for door-to-door delivery of 2,200 copies to households in Cowbridge, Llanblethian and Aberthin.

Proposed by Councillor G A Cox, seconded by Councillor J R Harris that that door-to-door delivery of the guide should take place as it had done for previous editions.

Recommended as proposed.

Item 11: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday, 6th October 2009 at 7.00pm.

Councillor G A Cox

Chairman.