

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

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor J R Harris  
Vice Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Y Williams MBE  
Mayor – Councillor H L I Morgan  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor D W Morris  
Councillors – Mrs S M Cox (arrived item 9) W H Evans, L E Taylor  
and A Thomas

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

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillor G A Cox

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

**Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2007.**  
3.1 To note the response received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding the Refurbishment of the River Thaw Bridge, High Street, Cowbridge. Contract documents are in the process of being prepared and the Vale of Glamorgan Council will contact this council again in relation to the methodology and interaction with the highway during the works.  
**Noted.**

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 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 30<sup>th</sup> September and and the statements of bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 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> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October was circulated to members and read.

**Item 6: Grant Aid.**  
Application received from the Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge for financial support in respect of the Christmas Tree Festival, which is to be held at Holy Cross Church in November.  
**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that a payment of £50.00 be made to the Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge towards the Christmas Tree Festival being held in Holy Cross Church.  
**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 Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge .

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- Item 7: Consultation Document – ‘A Shared Community’**  
Members agreed that the Town Clerk should write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council and seek their views on the documents. The general opinion is that without sufficient resources and/or funding being made available any devolvement of responsibilities would be impossible although a ‘charter’ may lead to improved communication between the two councils. The Town Clerk advised that he is aware that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is currently drawing up a ‘draft charter’.  
Response to the consultation document via the questionnaire is required by 3<sup>rd</sup> December.
- Item 8: Correspondence.**  
8.1 To consider a letter received from Cardiff Council advising that a ‘Pension Fund Employers’ Forum 2007’ is to be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 10am at County Hall, Cardiff.  
Members of the committee agreed that Councillor J R Harris should attend with the Town Clerk.
- Item 9: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**  
9.2 The Chairman reported that Mrs Jane Tyre, Honorary Treasurer of the Town Council for the past six years, has been moved away from Cowbridge to the Porthcawl branch of Lloyds TSB with immediate effect. The new manager, Mr John Rixon, has been asked to give consideration of replacing Mrs Tyre as Honory Treasurer and continuing the tradition.
- 9.2 Councillor D W Morris advised members that he attended a meeting of the ‘Christmas Committee’, whose membership comprises of representatives from Cowbridge Chamber of Trade, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major Lions Club, the various churches in the town , Town Council and Police. The committee is still without a secretary and fund raising manager.  
In previous years a grant has been received from Capital Regional Tourism, but this has now stopped and it is proposed to seek funding from elsewhere and to include an application to the Town Council for some financial support.  
Members of the committee agreed that an application should be made in writing and that it should include arrangements that are being made for this year’s event and also give details of what is envisaged in future years.
- Item 10: Date and Time of next Meeting.**  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris  
**Chairman.**