

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 7th October 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor J R Harris
Mayor – Councillor D W Morris
Councillors – G A Cox (arrived item 12), Mrs A E Harding, D E Magnay
and A Thomas.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

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

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
None

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 2nd September 2008
Item 3 – Play Equipment at Aberthin Play.
Councillor D W Morris updated members of the committee with the progress that has been made and advised that a questionnaire has been distributed in the village in order to gauge the demand, the age group and the type of equipment that is desirable. Once the result has been collated and providing that a positive response is received, it is **recommended** that the next stage will be to write to Visible Services at the Vale of Glamorgan Council for confirmation that any future maintenance and inspection of any play equipment would be undertaken by that Council and ask if they are prepared to co-operate on its installation.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 16th September 2008.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1st April 2008 to 30th September 2008 and the statements of bank balances as at 30th September 2008 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 17th September to 7th October was circulated to members and read.

Item 6: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery.
Councillor J R Harris advised members that there has been a slight delay in the production of a quotation for this work as a result of Welsh Water re-assessing the original preferred route but the information should be available shortly.

Item 7: Cowbridge Town Guide.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the guide has been completed and should be distributed shortly.

Item 8: Grant Aid.

8.1 Letter received from Urdd Gobaith Cymru requesting financial assistance towards the Urdd National Eisteddfod which is being held in Cardiff in 2009 and which will cost in the region of £1.7 million.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor A Thomas, that a payment of £75.00 be made to 'Urdd Gobaith Cymru'.

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 Urdd Gobaith Cymru.

8.2 Letter received from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre requesting financial support towards the running costs of the Charity, which provides specialist therapy to children suffering from cerebral palsy.

Noted.

8.3 Letter of acknowledgement received from Shelter Cymru in respect of the donation made by the Town Council.

Noted.

8.4 Letter received from Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge

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'

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 towards this year's Christmas Tree Festival.

Item 9: Christmas Lights 2008.

Members of the Committee considered whether to recommend the continuation of providing Christmas lights at Llanblethian and Aberthin. A report from the electrical contractor advised that the lights on both trees require replacement.

Recommended that the Town Council continues to provide Christmas lights on both trees which the committee considers is an important seasonal feature of each community.

The committee then considered the options provided by Floodlighting and Electrical. and **recommends** that new white led lights are purchased for both trees at a total cost of £1747.50 and will comprise of 200 lights per tree, spaced at 0.5 metres on a 100metre festoon. The power consumption will 2.6% of the previous lights and the lifespan of each bulb should be 5/6years.

Item 10: South Wales Ambulance Service.

Entered in Error.

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Item 11: Correspondence.

- 11.1 Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Head of Strategic ICT enclosing a questionnaire and giving details of IT support that the Vale of Glamorgan Council might be able to provide.
The Committee **recommends** that the questionnaire should be completed and returned by the Town Clerk and that at the present time the Town Council should not take up the offer of an annual subscription of £250 for IT support and advice from the Vale of Glamorgan Council..
- 11.2 Letter received from Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund advising that there is a meeting to which employers are invited. The meeting is due to be held on October 9th between 9.15am and 12 noon.

Item 12: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

- 12.1 Councillor J R Harris advised that the monies invested on the money market is due to expire at the end of October.
Recommended that the monies should be re-invested, provided that suitable terms are given.
- 12.2 **Recommended** that the Town Clerk writes to the Chief Executive at the Vale of Glamorgan Council and also to One Voice Wales to find out if there is current legislation allowing Town Councils to make 'Grants of Freedom' to individuals within its community.
- Councillor G A Cox took no part in the following item.*
- 12.3 Members of the committee discussed the current condition of the 'Roman Road', which leads off Primrose Hill, that has become overgrown for pedestrian users.
Recommended that a letter is sent to the Chief Executive at the Vale of Glamorgan Council requesting that pedestrian access is provided throughout the length of the 'Roman Road', particularly at the 'Primrose Hill end', which is an important feature of the area.

Item 13: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday, 4th November 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris
Chairman.