

**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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor J R Harris  
Vice Chair - Councillor L E Taylor  
Mayor - Councillor Mrs L Adams  
Deputy Mayor - Councillor H Ll Morgan.  
Councillors - W H Evans, A Thomas and Mrs M Y Williams M.B.E.

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

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors Mrs S M Cox and G A Cox

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

**Item 3: 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> October and the statements of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006 were circulated to members and read.

**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 18<sup>th</sup> October – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006 was circulated to members and read.

Councillor J R Harris confirmed that £50,000 has been re-invested for a further term at a favourable rate of interest.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2006.**  
Councillor J R Harris referred to item 7 (Future of Big Screen) and members considered three sample cushion pads purchased by the Town Clerk.  
**Proposed** by Councillor H Ll Morgan, seconded by Councillor J R Harris that on the basis of the comfort offered by each of the cushion pads, that 100 middle priced pads are purchased at a cost of £1.99 each.  
**Recommended** as proposed.

**Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2006.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 6: Grant Aid.**  
6.1 Application from Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales for financial assistance towards the provision of specialist therapy to children who have cerebral palsy.  
**Noted.**

6.2 Application from National Eisteddfod of Wales for financial support towards the running of this year's National Eisteddfod being held in Flintshire.  
**Noted.**

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- Item 6: Grant Aid.**
- 6.3 Application for financial assistance received from Vale Plus, based in Barry who provide lifelong learning and and leisure opportunities for people with learning difficulties.  
**Noted.**
- 6.4 Letter of acknowledgement of Grant Aid from Shelter Cymru. A further letter from the Area Services Manager explained the structure of the charity in the Vale of Glamorgan in response to the enquiry made by the Town Council. The service is concentrated in Barry and until two years ago an advice service was run at Llantwit Major but was ended because of such a poor take up of the service. However, the writer stressed that despite there not being a physical presence, callers can receive telephone assistance with a follow up interview if appropriate. In the event of a client being restricted by age or disability, a home visit can be arranged. Many referrals are received from the voluntary sector and statutory agencies in the area and also from the local assembly member.  
**Noted.**
- 6.5 Letter of acknowledgement received from Eisteddfod yr Urdd, in respect of the Grant Aid payment made by the Town Council.  
**Noted.**
- 6.6 Letter of acknowledgement received from British Red Cross in respect of the Grant Aid Payment made by the Town Council.  
**Noted.**
- 6.7 Application from Life Self Help Group for a contribution towards the work of the group. The voluntary group has been in existence for two years Activities include complementary therapies, speakers and visits out. The group are in the process of becoming more structured with a constitution.  
**Noted.**  
**Recommended** that a letter is sent to the group to advise that the Town Council is unable to assist at the present time, but to invite them to re-apply once more when firmly established and able to provide a financial statement.
- 6.8 Letter received from Cowbridge Charter Trust, Town Walls Restoration in acknowledgement of the grant aid payment and for the continuing support of the Town council with the project.  
**Noted**
- Item 7. 'Big Screen'.**  
Copy letter sent from the Town Clerk to 'Big Screen' agreeing that the equipment can be stored in the Town Hall and confirming the current terms for films will continue subject to review at the end of the present 'season'  
**Noted.**

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- Item 8**      **To give further consideration to the current format of Committees**  
It was agreed that the matter should be placed on the agenda for the next Full Council in order to allow all members to express their views and also for a **recommendation** by this committee to be considered which would be for the Town Hall Committee being responsible for submitting all future grant applications on behalf of any individual committee of the Town Council once properly costed.
- Item 9:      Correspondence.**
- 9.1            Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council advising that the Christmas C.A.S.H. Grants 2006 is available again this year.  
**Noted.**
- 9.2            Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council giving notification of an application to vary the Premises Licence in respect of The Hair Business, High Street, Cowbridge.  
**Noted.**
- 9.3            Notification received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council advising of changes to the mobile library services provided at Aberthyn and Llanblethian. The changes are due to take place this month (from November 6). Further changes are anticipated in the spring and further stops in the area will be considered. There is only the need of a request to be made by three people who would make a regular commitment to using the library and this would establish a minimum 20-30 minute stop being made at a suitable venue.  
**Noted.**  
The Town Clerk confirmed that posters have been displayed in the notice boards at Aberthyn and Llanblethian.
- 9.4            Letter received from Mr John Jones advising that as the result of a recent burglary, the 'Past Mayor's Badge' that was presented to him by the Town Council was stolen. Mr Jones requests the opportunity of purchasing a replacement 'badge.'  
**Recommended** that Mr Jones may purchase a replacement 'badge' for the sum of £41.72, which represents the cost price paid by the Town Council.
- Item 10:      Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman**
- 10.1           Remembrance Sunday will be the last function at which 'J R Catering' (Mrs Janet Reed) will be providing a buffet on the basis of her retirement from this service.  
**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams and **recommended** that to mark the occasion, a bouquet of flowers is presented to Mrs Reed to mark the gratitude of the Town Council with regard to the excellent food and service provided by her and her family over the years.
- Item 11:      Date and Time of next Meeting.**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris  
**Chairman.**