

**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 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor J R Harris  
Vice Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Y Williams MBE  
Councillors – G A Cox, W H Evans, L E Taylor and A Thomas,

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

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors: Mrs S M Cox, H Ll Morgan and D W Morris.

**Item 2: Declaration of Interests.**  
Councillor G A Cox – Item 9.1 – Licensing Application.

**Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2007.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007.**  
Councillor J R Harris referred to item 9c and confirmed that reinvestment has been made on the ‘money market’ at a rate of interest of £4.97%

**Item 5: 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 and the statements of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007 were circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 17<sup>th</sup> October – 6<sup>th</sup> November was circulated to members and read.

- Item 6: Grant Aid.**
- 6.1 Application for financial support received from ‘Bobath’ towards the running costs of the Bobath Children’s Therapy Center Wales.  
**Noted.**
- 6.2 Acknowledgement of Grant Aid received from South Wales Police in respect of the annual competition ‘We are the Champions’.  
**Noted.**
- 6.3 Letter of acknowledgement received from ‘British Red Cross’ in respect of the Grant Aid payment received from the Town Council.  
**Noted.**
- 6.4 Application received from ‘Eisteddfod’ for financial assistance toward the annual National Eisteddfod, which next August is being held in Cardiff.  
**Noted.**

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- Item 7:**           **Consultation Document – ‘A Shared Community’**  
7.1               Letter received from Ms Beverly Noon, Operational Manager Corporate Policy and Communication enclosing a copy of the response sent from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the document ‘A shared Community’ issued by the Welsh Assembly Government.  
Members of the Committee **recommend** that a letter is sent from the Town Council to the Welsh Assembly Government advising that, having had the opportunity to look at the response to the document sent from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, the Town Council is broadly in agreement with that response.
- Item 8:**           **Budget 2008/2009**  
Councillor J R Harris circulated members with draft budget figures for the next financial year 2008/2009. Further figures will be circulated at the next meeting.
- Item 9:**           **Correspondence.**  
9.1               Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding a licensing application for a variation of the premise licence in respect of ‘Riverview Chinese Restaurant’ in Penny Lane. The variations of hours applied for are Monday to Sunday 11.00am – 2.00am for the sale of alcohol and recorded music and for the opening hours to be Monday to Sunday 11.00am to 2.30am. A response is required by 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007 and the application is due to be considered by the Vale Licensing Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> December.  
Opinions have been sought from local residents and the Members of the Town Council object to the application on the grounds that the hours applied for are too late and there can be no merit for them being altered. Members have misgivings about the proposal and the precedent that may be set plus what may result from the premises being allowed to open so late.  
**Recommendation** that a letter of objection is sent by the Town Clerk in time to meet the deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> November.
- 9.2               Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council enclosing a report and ‘Draft Charter’ between the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Town and Community Councils, which is intended to be placed on the agenda for the next Community Liaison Committee meeting being held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007.  
Members considered the report and ‘draft’ Charter. The next meeting of the Community Liaison Committee clashes with the next Town Council meeting and therefore, in the absence of a representative being able to attend that meeting, it is **recommended** that a letter is sent explaining that the Town Council has no points to raise on the document at this time, which as has been stated will be reviewed after the elections in May 2008.
- 9.3               Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding a review of Polling Stations in the areas within the Vale of Glamorgan Council. A response is required by 19<sup>th</sup> November.  
Members considered the list of the six polling stations which have been used in Cowbridge, Llanblethian and Aberthin and none were aware of any concerns being raised about their use. The committee **recommend** that a response is sent back to the Vale of Glamorgan Council accordingly.
- 9.4               Annual Report and Accounts 2006/2007 of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Pension Fund 2006/2007. *(copy of the report held by the Town Clerk)*  
**Noted.**

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

10.1

Councillor Mrs M Y Williams referred to recent comments made regarding difficulties, which have been encountered in the recruitment of 'retained' fire crew at Cowbridge Fire Station.

A number of members of the committee advised of previous assurances that have been given regarding the future of the fire station at Cowbridge being maintained.

**Item 11: Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris

**Chairman.**