

**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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor J R Harris  
Vice Chairman – Councillor L E Taylor  
Mayor – Councillor D W Morris  
Councillors – G A Cox (arrived item 11), Mrs A E Harding, D E Magnay,  
Mrs S Massey and A Thomas.

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

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillor Mrs S M Cox.

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

**Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008**  
Councillor D W Morris advised that a meeting of the sub-committee has been held at which Mr Phil Beaman from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Mrs Jane Williams from Creative Rural Communities attended. Mr Beaman advised that the Vale Council is happy to take on the maintenance of any play equipment for the duration of its lifetime. Mrs Williams gave advice on funding which should soon become available and the next stages that need to be taken to progress the project. A further meeting of the sub-committee is to be arranged shortly.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2008.**  
Councillor J R Harris advised that the additional committee meeting which was to be held as referred to in the Town Council minutes was not required.

**Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid**  
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008 and the statements of bank balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008 were circulated to members and read.  
**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 22<sup>nd</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November was circulated to members and read.

**Item 6: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery.**  
Information should be forthcoming from the Vale of Glamorgan Council shortly.

**Item 7: Grant Aid.**  
7.1 Letter received from British Heart Foundation requesting financial assistance towards the running cost of the charity.  
**Noted.**

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- 7.2 Letter received from Girlguiding, Gorwelion Management Committee requesting financial assistance towards a major refurbishment of the house at 'Gorwelion', Porthcawl. This is a holiday, training and camping centre for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, Senior Section and Leaders in Girlguiding within the Central Glamorgan Area. Although out of the administrative area, it is made use of by the Guides and Scouts in the Cowbridge area.  
**Proposed** by Councillor L E Taylor, seconded by Councillor Mrs S Massey, that a payment of £75.00 be made to the Gorwelion Management Committee towards the cost of the refurbishment..  
**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 Gorwelion Management Committee.
- 7.3 Letter received from Cowbridge 750 Charter Trust requesting financial assistance towards emergency work required on the Town Walls. A short section of wall requires work amounting to £1272.48 to prevent frost penetration that would result in damage.  
  
Councillor J R Harris advise that the necessary funding for the work to be carried out has been provided by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.  
**Recommended** that a letter is sent to the Charter Trust acknowledging their letter and stating that it is understood that that the Vale of Glamorgan Council has provided the necessary funding and it is hoped that this will continue to be the case.
- 7.4 Letter received from National Eisteddfod requesting financial assistance towards the event in 2009 which is to be staged in Bala, where it was staged in 1997.  
**Noted.**
- 7.5 Letter of acknowledgement received from the Best Kept Village Competition.  
**Noted.**
- 7.6 Letter of acknowledgement from Wales Air Ambulance.  
**Noted.**
- Item 8: Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act**  
Members of the committee discussed and noted the document.  
**Recommended** that no action is taken and that a letter is sent to Visible Services at the Vale of Glamorgan Council to advise that the Town Council, after due consideration, will not be taking up the powers afforded to them by the Act because of resource implications..
- Item 9: Budget 2009/2010**  
The Chairman will produce preliminary figures for the next meeting, once the Leisure and Amenities and Town Hall Committees have provided budget figures.
- Item 10: Correspondence.**  
10.1 To note a letter received from Zurich Insurance advising of structural and administrative changes to their Financial Services Group Structure.  
**Noted.**

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**Item 11: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**

11.1 Members discussed the current problems of delays being experienced by ambulances operating in the Vale of Glamorgan area. It is understood that there is currently a review of the ambulance service being carried out.

**Recommended** that the Town Clerk write a letter to the new South East Wales Ambulance Regional Director to express the concerns of the Town Council about problems of delays experienced within its area and requesting that it is kept informed about the outcome of the review that it understands is now taking place.

**Item 12: Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris

**Chairman.**