

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 5th December 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 – Mrs S M Cox, 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
Councillor 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 1st April 2006 to 30th November and the statements of bank balances as at 30th November 2006 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 22nd November - 5th December 2006 was circulated to members and read.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 7th November 2006.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 21st November 2006.
No matters arising.

Item 6: Grant Aid.
6.1 Application from The Samaritans for financial support towards the running costs of the organisation, which supports communities within the Bridgend, Vale and Valleys areas.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs L Adams, seconded by Councillor H Ll Morgan, that a payment of £150.00 be made to the Samaritans at Bridgend towards its running costs.
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 £150.00.

Item 7: Budget 2007/2008.
Councillor J R Harris circulated members with draft budget figures for the next financial year 2007/2008. Further figures will be circulated at the next meeting.

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- Item 8: Correspondence.**
- 8.1 Letter received from the Guide Dogs asking if it were possible for a recycling collection point to be set up in the Town Hall for such items as mobile 'phones, jewellery etc.
Noted.
The Town Clerk to advise the organization in writing that the Town Council is unable to assist.
- 8.2 Communication received from Annie Hall, the Independent Living Scheme Advisor for Cardiff and the Vale Coalition of Disabled People. Regular 'drop in' sessions are held at Hen Goleg Resource Centre offering advice and support to disabled people living in the Vale of Glamorgan. It is intended to expand the service throughout the Vale of Glamorgan especially in the Western Vale and establish similar drop in sessions in the Vale.
Noted.
Recommended that the Town Clerk make further enquiries to find out how the 'drop in' centre operates.
- Item 9: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman**
- 9.1 The Committee discussed tree work that was due be carried out as the result of a complaint made by residents to the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The Town Council had also written and it was intended that the work should be carried out before the end of last April. To date, the work is still outstanding and residents are still experience problems with the leaves and branches affecting their properties.
Recommended that the Town Clerk send a further follow up letter from the Town Council requesting that the work is carried out as soon as possible.
- 9.2 The Committee discussed the Father Christmas Parade and 'switch on' of the lights' and the number of visitors it brought into Cowbridge on 26th November 2006. It was considered that an article from the Chamber of Trade which appeared in the Gem the following week omitted reference to the Town Council's and Mayor's contribution to the day as well as there being no reference to the grant given by the Vale of Glamorgan Council.
Complaints were received on the day about the number of street traders although they produced licences when challenged by the police.
A 'follow up' meeting is due to be arranged to discuss the events of the day and any problems that had arisen.
- Item 10: Date and Time of next Meeting.**
Tuesday 9th January 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris
Chairman.