

**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> December 2007 at 7.00pm.**

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

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

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence**  
Councillors G A Cox, H Ll-Morgan and D W Morris.

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

**Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2007.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2007.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid**  
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to 30<sup>th</sup> November and  
and the statements of bank balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007 were circulated to  
members and read.

**Recommended** that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 20<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> December was circulated  
to members and read.

**Item 6: Grant Aid.**  
6.1 Application for financial assistance received from Urdd National Eisteddfod  
**Proposed** by Councillor A Thomas, seconded by Councillor J R Harris, that a  
payment of £50.00 be made to the Urdd Gobaith Cymru for next year's  
eisteddfod, which is to be held in Conwy.  
**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 Council approves that the payment of  
the sum of £50.00 be made.

**Item 7: 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.

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**Item 8:**

**Correspondence.**

8.1

Letter received from Allotment and Recreation Ground Charity, Ystradowen advising that the Trust is now able to make greater awards “...in the interests of social wealth, of facilities for recreation and other leisure time occupation” in the area of “The Ancient Parish of Llanblethian”. The Clerk to the Trustees requests the Town Council to consult with interested groups with a view to submitting an application. There is a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007.

**Proposed** by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor W H Evans, that a letter is sent to the Clerk to the Trustees, advising that the Town Council will display notices, prepared by the Trust, in their notice boards and that the notice should provide the relevant details regarding eligibility and possible sums available. In addition, the letter should refer to the lack of children’s play equipment in Aberthin.

**Recommended** as proposed.

8.2

Circular received from WLGA (Welsh Local Government Association) enclosing information/amendments, which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007, in respect of Maternity and Adoption Leave.

**Noted.**

**Item 9:**

**Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**

9.1

Councillor J R Harris referred to ‘Burial Land Workshop’, which he attended on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at which interested parties were in attendance and discussions took place about the future capacity for interment. Councillor Harris ‘aired’ the problem of the sewer, which crosses the Limes Cemetery, and this will be contained within the Report, which is being prepared by the Consultants and should be submitted sometime in January.

It is **recommended** that a letter is sent to the Chief Executive at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Mr John Maitland Evans, concerning the history and problems of the sewer with a view to getting the matter resolved with his assistance. The letter should coincide with the publication of the Report.

9.2

Councillor L E Taylor reported for information that the trees in Westgate are due to be pollarded on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

**Item 10:**

**Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris

**Chairman.**