

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 2nd December 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, Mrs A E Harding and D E Magnay.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillors: Mrs S M Cox, Mrs S Massey and A Thomas.

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 4th November 2008.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 18th November 2008.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/sundries/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payment Accounts for period 1st April 2008 to 30th November 2008 and the statements of bank balances as at 30th November 2008 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 19th November to 2th December was circulated to members and read.

Item 6: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery.
The Chairman advised the committee that there has been a delay in the information expected from the Vale of Glamorgan Council as the result of Welsh Water reviewing exactly where a connection is to be made with the main sewer.

Item 7: Grant Aid.
7.1 Letter received from Urdd Gobaith Cymru acknowledging the financial assistance awarded to it by the Town Council.
Noted.

7.2 Email communication received from Jean Roderick, Gorwellion Management Committee conveying thanks and acknowledging the financial assistance given to it by the Town Council.
Noted.

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Item 8: Budget 2009/2010

Councillor J R Harris circulated 'draft' budget figures for the next financial year 2009/2010. Further updated figures will be circulated at the next meeting.

Item 9: Correspondence.

9.1

E-mail received from Mr Ken Burton of One Voice Wales confirming that the Town Council does not have power to create 'Honorary Freeman' though many town, parish and community councils who wish to honour residents have done so by conferring such titles as 'Honorary Citizen' or some such similar title.

Noted.

9.2

Letter received from Mr Grant Gordon, South East Wales Regional Director of the Welsh Ambulance Services Trust advising that having regard to the concerns expressed by the Town Council, he would be willing to attend a council meeting to update the members on the plans for the Ambulance Service in the Cowbridge Area and the wider Vale of Glamorgan.

Proposed by Councillor G A Cox, seconded by Councillor J R Harris that the invitation should be accepted for Mr Gordon to attend prior to the January's Full Council meeting at a mutually agreed time in order to address the members of the Town Council.

Recommended as proposed.

9.3

Notification received from HM Customs in respect of VAT 126 claims relating to construction, repair or maintenance works to village halls; recreation facilities; youth clubs; playgrounds and their associated grounds. If a claim or part of a claim relates to any of these then specified details are requested and are subject to a request for a written ruling from HM Revenue & Customs.

Noted.

9.4

Letter received from the Information Commissioner's Office in relation to the Freedom of Information Act and the obligations that public authorities have to adopt an approved publication scheme. The Information Commissioner's Office has produced a new model publication scheme that all public sector organisations must adopt from 1st January 2009. The ICO has produced a model template, which can be adopted by all Community and Town Councils without modification.

Recommended that the model publication scheme provided by the Information Commissioner's Office is adopted by the Town Council.

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

None.

Item 11: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday, 6th January 2009 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris
Chairman.