

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 8th December 2009 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor L E Taylor
Vice Chairman – Councillor G A Cox
Mayor - Councillor J R Harris
Councillors: Mrs S M Cox, Dr B A Gibbon, Mrs S Massey, D W Morris,
A Thomas and J Wilks.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
All members present.

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
Councillor Dr B A Gibbon – Item 9.5.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 3rd November 2009.
3.1 Update on Town Guide.

Item 3 - The Town Clerk advised that a successful meeting had taken place with Mr Tim Pearce of Heritage Guides, based in Barry. Production of the guide would be along similar lines to previous companies used, in that it would be self-funding apart from delivery to residents within the Town Council area. The volume of production would be 8,000.

Members of the Committee agreed that a short paragraph should be inserted into the guide giving a brief description of the Town Council's functions and areas of responsibility.

3.2 Item 7 Citizens award for Cowbridge Comprehensive School – members were circulated with the finished product.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 17th November 2009.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payments Accounts for period 1st April 2009 to 30th November 2009 and the statements of bank balances as at 30th November 2009 were circulated to members and read.

Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 18th November – 8th December was circulated to members and read.

Item 6: Sewer at the Limes Cemetery.
The Town Clerk reported that he has received two communications from the Vale of Glamorgan Council advising that further proposal has been put forward to Welsh Water and this has been accepted. Confirmation will be contained in a letter due to be sent out next week.

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Item 7: Grant Aid.

- 7.1 Application for financial assistance received from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod that runs from 5th – 10th July 2010.
Recommended that the application be noted.
- 7.2 Application for financial assistance received from British Red Cross towards the purchase of a new cooker at their centre in the Broad Shord which is also used by Age Concern and other groups.
Proposed by Councillor J Wilks, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that a payment of £75.00 be made to the British Red Cross Group in Cowbridge towards a replacement cooker for their centre in The Broad Shord..
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 the British Red Cross Group in Cowbridge. .
- 7.3 Application for financial support from Victim Support Cymru towards the running costs of the organisation. Figures for the CF71 7 postcode area (which extends beyond Cowbridge and Llanblethian) were provided upon request from the Town Council.
Recommended that the application is noted.
- 7.4 Application received from Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru for financial assistance towards the running costs of next year's National Eisteddfod event that is to be held in Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent.
Recommended that the application be noted.
- 7.5 Acknowledgement received from Urdd Gobaith Cymru for the Grant Aid payment from the Town Council.
Noted.
- 7.6 Acknowledgement received from Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge for the grant aid payment towards the 'Christmas Tree Festival'
Noted.

Item 8: Budget 2010/2011.

Initial 'draft' budget figures were circulated to members of the committee for their information.

Item 9: Correspondence.

- 9.1 Copy of letter sent by Barry Town Council to the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding Charter agreement.
Noted.
- 9.2 Letter received from the Welsh Local Government Association enclosing a Swine Flu Update.
Noted.
- 9.3 Letter received from Lloyds TSB enclosing information for existing customers of Lloyds TSB Corporate Markets.
Noted.

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Item 9: Correspondence Continued.

9.4 Notification received from Welsh Local Government Association enclosing (Employers' Organisation) Advisory Bulletins for October and November.
Noted.

9.5 Quotation received from FC Parry Limited in respect of Past Mayor's Badges. The total cost including presentation boxes is £51.55 each plus postage and VAT.
Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor D W Morris that an order is placed for six at a total cost of £309.30 plus postage and VAT.
Recommended as proposed.

Item 10: Review of Standing Orders.

Councillor L E Taylor advised that he has received a number of items for consideration but that they were not in time to be circulated with the agenda for this meeting. These will now be dealt with at January's meeting.

Item 11: 'Are We Being Served' Report – Referred from Full Council.

Councillor J Wilks suggested that the Town Council should make use of current 'technologies' to promote its existence and functions to the local community.
Recommended that a small committee should be set up to research the possibilities and should consist of Councillors J Wilks, D W Morris and a further one/two members from the rest of the Council. The sub-committee would report back to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Item 12: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

No matters arising.

Item 13: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday, 5th January 2010 at 7.00pm.

Councillor L E Taylor
Chairman.