

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 7th December 2010 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor J R Harris
Vice Chairman – Councillor G A Cox
Deputy Mayor – Councillor A E Banks
Councillors: Mrs E George, D W Morris and A Thomas.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence
Councillors: Mrs S M Cox, L E Taylor and J Wilks.

Item 2: Declaration of Interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee Meeting held on 2nd November 2010.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Town Council Meeting held on 16th November 2010.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Receipts & Payments Account/Accounts to be paid
Receipts and Payments Accounts for period 1st April 2010 to 30th November 2010 and the statements of bank balances as at 30th November 2010 were circulated to members and read.
Recommended that these accounts be approved.

A list of accounts to be settled from 17th November – 7th December was circulated to members and read.

Item 6: Grant Aid.
6.1 Application received from Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod to assist with the costs of staging the event.
Proposed by Councillor D W Morris, seconded by Councillor A Thomas that a payment of £100.00 is made to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.
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 £100.00 to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod towards the cost of staging the event.

6.2 Application for financial assistance received from British Heart Foundation Cymru to assist with the cost of running the charity.
Noted.

Item 7: Budget 2011/2012.

Initial 'draft' budget figures were circulated to members of the committee for their information. Final figures will be presented to the committee at their next meeting.

Item 8: Correspondence.

8.1 Email communication from One Voice Wales regarding 'Community Resilience' which was contained in The First National Security Strategy which was published by the UK Government in 2008. The strategy defined community resilience as 'Communities and individuals harnessing local resources and expertise to help themselves in an emergency, in a way that complements the response of the emergency services.' The Welsh Local Government Association and One Voice Wales are supporting the work to promote Community Resilience in Wales. The letter invites Town and Community Councils to provide details of any initiatives that are taking place within their own local community which will be included in a case study.

Noted.

8.2 Email communication from the chairman of the Chamber of Trade in relation to signage that might be required for future road closures.

The committee agreed that further consideration would be given to the matter once further information has been obtained and following a meeting that is due to take place in the New Year which may include greater detail of what signage may or may not be required for certain events.

Item 9: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

9.1 Members of the committee discussed the planning application for the proposed Waitrose Store to be constructed on the Birds site. The planning application is due to be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and will be referred to the Town Council for its consideration and observations.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor A E Banks and **recommended** that the planning application for the proposed Waitrose Store should be considered by the Full Council rather than the Planning Committee alone.

Item 10: Date and Time of next Meeting.

Tuesday, 11th January 2011 at 7.00pm.

Councillor J R Harris
Chairman.