

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 10th January 2005 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Vice Chairman – Councillor A Williams
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs G Baty
Councillors - Mrs L Adams, and H L Morgan.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors: Mrs A Burges, Mrs S M Cox, D W Morris and R G Jones

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 6th December 2004.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 21st December 2004.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The report was circulated to all members and indicated that all the equipment is safe to use.
The only additional items highlighted were a split in the rubber boot on the tyre swing and a dislodged kerb on the edge of the safety surfacing by the ‘flat swings.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.
The Town Clerk gave the report and advised of the following:

- Extension to the Limes cemetery – Mr James had started to clear the top boundary to enable easier access for litter to be removed.
- Power washing of the safety surfacing is still in progress to remove the algae, which despite being treated has become prolific. Areas already power washed have so far remained algae free as a result.

The Committee have already agreed to a power washer being bought out of the budget rather the Mr James using his own equipment. However, its use or any other electrical equipment is still dependant upon an electrical supply being available. As no supply is readily available at any of the sites owned by the Town Council, the purchase of a suitable petrol generator would be a solution to this problem and enable any electrical equipment to be used without being dependant upon the goodwill of any resident.

Members agreed that to purchase a generator would be of great benefit and also be safer from a Health and Safety aspect. It would provide greater flexibility and enable wider range of jobs to be carried out.

Item 7: C.A.S.H. Grants 2004/2005.

Members agreed that the unsuccessful application submitted for ownership signs in the Twt play park and Llanblethian Playing Fields should be re-submitted and two separate applications made for a new piece of play equipment, location and details to be decided upon. Members of the Committee also discussed the possibility of putting a bench on a piece of land on Factory Road by the Causeway once ownership is established and should it allow.

Item 8: Rolling Programme 2004/2005

8.1 Limes Cemetery.

i) Boundaries.

No matters arising.

ii) Sewer.

No matters arising.

iii) Fence and extension.

No matters arising.

iv) Additional water supply.

No matters arising.

v) Trees.

No matters arising.

8.2 Holy Cross Churchyard.

After discussion members of the Committee **recommend** that the Town Council does not proceed with a Trust on the grounds that the Town Council would lose control of the churchyard.

Members discussed the way forward and agreed that a meeting should be held with members of the Committee and Revd Canon Belcher and Church Wardens to discuss what part, if any the Church could play towards the Feasibility Study of the churchyard being carried out.

Members agreed that a meeting should be arrange at 6pm prior to the next committee meeting to be held on 7th February.

8.3 Twt Park.

No matters arising.

8.4 Emms Cottage.

No matters arising.

8.5 Llanblethian Playing Fields

No matters arising.

The Town Clerk confirmed that he has spoken to Mr Garbett-Davies of Blades Landscapes about the Ash Trees in the park. When discussions took place with the tree officer from the Vale Council it was agreed that that the trees would be reduced to 3-4 foot in height with a view to being coppiced and therefore not interfering with the stability of the bank.

8.6 Southgate Park

No matters arising.

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8.7 Cae Rex Allotments

No matters arising.

8.8 Masonry Walls

The Town Clerk confirmed that he has spoken with Mr Jim Jones of Andrew James Partnership who confirmed that the work to the wall at Llanblethian Playing Fields is due to commence within the next six weeks.

Item 9: The Limes Cemetery Cowbridge. (Memorial applications.)

9.1 Application received from Edwards Memorials to place a memorial stone on Cremation Plot B5 (Catherine Yvonne Chick)

Approved.

9.2 Application received from Newtown Memorials to place a Memorial on Grave N130 (Greta Taylor)

Approved.

Item 10: Correspondence.

10.1 Play for Wales – Autumn 2004.

Noted.

Item 11: Any Other Business

11.1 Councillor Mrs M Arnold mentioned the Strategy, which Officers at the Vale of Glamorgan Council are hoping to prepare sometime this year in respect of ‘open spaces’, trees and highways. After discussion, members **recommended** that a request is made to the Vale of Glamorgan Council that the following areas in Cowbridge are included, Old Hall Gardens, which form a focal point in the town and Poplars Park and adjoining footpaths.

11.2 Councillor A Williams drew members’ attention to the problem of sewerage, which flows, during adverse weather conditions, down the access road at the bottom of Wolfe Close. Welsh Water has been alerted to the problem and is fully aware of it although the problem still occurs.

Members **recommend** that a letter should be sent to Welsh Water in an attempt to have the matter resolved.

Item 12: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday 7th February 2005 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold.

Chairman