

**Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee**  
**held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,**  
**on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Arnold  
Vice Chairman – Councillor Mrs A Burges  
Mayor - Councillor J R Harris  
Deputy Mayor – Councillor L E Taylor  
Councillors: A E Banks, Mrs N C Thomas and A Williams

**In Attendance:** Town Clerk – Mr A Davies

**Item 1: Apologies for Absence.**  
Councillor Mrs G Baty

**Item 2: Declarations of interests.**  
None.

**Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009.**  
3.1 Response received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of additional litterbins. The letter advised that positive consideration will be given to additional bins midway along Broadway; at each end of the ‘Three Fields’; at the entrance to the rugby field and behind the Police Station.  
Members welcomed the response and agreed that a request for the bin in Broadway to be sited in close proximity to the school. The committee also agreed that the letter should remind about the missing bin in Poplars Park that is still to be replaced.

**Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2009.**  
No matters arising.

**Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.**  
The report was circulated to all members and showed that all equipment is safe to use.

**Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.**  
The Town Clerk gave the report as follows:

- Leaves and drains cleared in the Limes Cemetery and Twt Park
- Rock Salt to paths in the Cemetery and Holy Cross Churchyard.
- The dead tree in the Twt Park has been removed.

Members agreed that keeping the paths clear during inclement weather conditions is strictly speaking the responsibility of the church rather than the Town Council but as a ‘goodwill’ gesture rock salt was put down because of the festive period and increased services.  
The Town Clerk advised that the Town Council only possesses a very limited supply of rock salt.

- Item 7: Rolling Programme 2009/2010.**
- 7.1 Limes Cemetery  
i) Boundaries  
(a) Members were circulated with a quotation received from Anstee Landscapes to carry out tree work required for the remainder of the fencing and gates to be installed at the top of the cemetery extension. The Town Clerk advised that he had a meeting with Mr Anstee and Mr Steve Sloman to discuss the work required and this has also being confirmed between Mr Anstee and the Vale Planning Tree Officer, Mrs Krzemieniewski and included a weather damaged limb of a conifer tree in the cemetery. Members accepted and agreed the quotation in the sum of £740.00 and for the work should be carried out as soon as possible.
- The Town Clerk also advised members of the committee that a tree on the top boundary of the cemetery with the school has been discovered to have a vertical crack in it and liable to fall down. The matter will be urgently investigated and any required action taken without delay.
- 7.2 Holy Cross Church Yard.  
The Town Clerk confirmed that he has discussed the large bush at the rear of the churchyard with Steve Sloman at the Vale of Glamorgan Council and will have further discussion with the contractor regard the work that has been agreed.  
The 'holes' have now been filled and the area next to the church cleared of debris.
- 7.3 Southgate Park  
No matters arising.
- 7.4 Twt Park  
Members discussed the bridge leading from the Twt into Poplars Park and agreed that the Vale of Glamorgan Council should be asked to secure some chicken wire to its surface as it becomes very slippery in the current weather conditions. A request should also be made for the slats to be examined, some of which are showing signs of rot at the ends.
- 7.5 Emms Cottage  
No matters arising.
- 7.6 Llanblethian Playing Fields  
Members considered a quotation received from 'Sharp Edges' to carry various tree and ground works in the area of Llanblethian Playing Field. This followed a report previously received from the company and considered by the committee at its previous meeting but from which omitted to specify the costs involved.  
The committee **recommends** that the quotation is accepted and that the whole of the work is carried out at a total cost of £810.00, which will be met from the budget of the current financial year.

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- Item 7:** **Rolling Programme 2009/2010 (continued).**  
7.7 Cae Rex Allotments  
The Town Clerk confirmed that he met with Ashdown Fencing to discuss additional fencing requested by the Allotment Association and is awaiting receipt of a quotation.
- Item 8:** **Correspondence.**  
None.
- Item 9:** **To select a representative to sit on the sub committee 'Are We Being Served Report' (Referred to at Full Council under the Finance and General Purposes report.)**  
Councillor Mrs A Burges volunteered to be the representative from the Leisure and Amenities Committee.
- Item 9:** **Matters, relevant to the Committee, to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
- 9.1 The Committee discussed the total lack of gritting and salting of the side roads and pavements in the Cowbridge area unlike Barry where it appears that some residential areas have been given this service.  
**Recommended** that a letter be sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to express the 'disappointment' of the Town Council regarding the lack of gritting and salting that has taken place in the Cowbridge area, particularly the pavements of areas inhabited by elderly residents and that side roads remain un-gritted.
- 9.2 The Committee discussed the diversion of the sewer and agreed that a request should be made for any 'top soil' that is removed from the 'trench' for the new pipe run, is deposited in the 'hollow' that has formed along the line of the existing pipe.
- Item 10:** **Date and time of next Meeting**  
Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold  
**Chairman.**