

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 7th March 2005 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Vice Chairman – Councillor A Williams
Mayor – Councillor Mrs S M Cox
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs G Baty
Councillors - Mrs L Adams, Mrs A Burges, R G Jones and H L Morgan (arrived item 8.1(iii))

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors Mrs S M Cox and D W Morris.

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 7th February 2005.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 22nd February 2005.
Councillor A Williams referred to item 11.1 in respect of the drainage ditch that lead from Westgate, past the police station into the rugby field. When Councillor Williams mentioned the matter at the last Committee meeting he also referred to the ditch around the perimeter of the rugby field where larger items have been dumped and abandoned. Councillor Williams produced photographs of offending items which the Town clerk will pass on to the appropriate department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The report was circulated to all members and indicated that all the equipment is safe to use.
The following matters were highlighted as requiring attention and will continue to be monitored:
Strap swing: shackle connections showing signs of wear.
Sputnik Roundabout: bearings worn and require replacement.
Cradle Swing: wear and damage to one seat.
Tyre swing: gaiter and shackle connection require replacement.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.

The Town Clerk gave the report and advised of the following:

Limes Cemetery:

- Power washing of the paths in the cemetery has been completed.
- Members of the committee agreed for the security of the 'lock up' to be increased.

Twt Park:

- Concrete repairs have been carried out to one of the paths in the Twt Park in the proximity of the drain. The path had sunk and created a significant trip hazard which has now been eliminated.
- The posts around the perimeter of the safety surfacing are deteriorating in places.

Llanblethian Playing Fields:

- The algae on all of the safety surfaces has been removed by power washing.
- The gaps around the safety surfacing have previously been filled with stone dust but this has been washed away. A more resilient method of infill is required.

The Town Clerk advised members that he has made enquiries with Pencoed College about courses and there is a two-day course "The safe use of Pesticides" at a cost of £240. Details are being sent direct from the college. It was agreed to adjourn any decision until the next Committee meeting so that it may be decided if the course is necessary and suitable.

Item 7: Grass Cutting

Five contractors were invited to submit tenders for the grass cutting. Following their consideration at the last meeting, members agreed to obtain details of public liability insurance and details of the machinery and equipment to be used.

Information was received from only three of the contractors, Blade Landscapes (£6,720), Edenvale Garden Services (£4,700) and Sharpe Edges (£5,900) and members considered the award contract on this basis.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs L Adams seconded by Councillor R G Jones that the grass-cutting contract is awarded to Edenvale Garden Services in sum of £4,700 per annum for a period of two years, subject to satisfactory work being carried out.

Recommended as proposed.

The Town Clerk advised that he has received confirmation from Mr Martin Andrews at the Vale of Glamorgan Council that the grass cutting service for the extension of the Limes Cemetery will be increased by 3% to £543.48. Access to the extension is gained via the school and is carried out at the same time that the school field is cut. Members of the Committee **recommend** that the increase is accepted and that the Vale of Glamorgan Council are requested to continue to cut the extension for the next season.

Item 8: Rolling Programme 2004/2005

8.1

Limes Cemetery.

i) Boundaries.

Councillor Mrs Arnold referred to the Southern Boundary in the Limes cemetery which she considered required attention in the future due to various fences erected by owners of adjoining properties. No monies have been allocated to extend the existing trellis fence within the cemetery's boundary in next year's budget but consideration might be given to the matter by a future Committee.

Item 8: Rolling Programme 2004/2005 (continued)

ii) Sewer.

The Town Clerk will make further enquires with Mr Colin Lewis at the Vale of Glamorgan Council who is dealing with the matter.

iii) Additional water supply.

No matters arising.

iv) Trees.

Work to the trees is to be carried out by Blade Landscapes.

8.2 Holy Cross Churchyard.

No matters arising.

The Parochial Church Council is due to meet this month after which an indication maybe given as to whether any funding towards a feasibility study might be available from the church.

8.3 Twt Park.

Members discussed the 'stockade posts' around the play park and agreed that advice and opinion should be sought from the Playground Inspector Mr Wyndham Hughes. The loss of the posts around the perimeter make the safety surface vulnerable and several other posts have been damaged as well.

8.4 Emms Cottage.

No matters arising.

Councillor Mrs Arnold advised members that it appears that the Forsythia bush is dead.

8.5 Llanblethian Playing Fields

Councillor Mrs Arnold referred to the 'arisings' and 'brash' that remains on the bank and area near the 'ball shoot' as a result of the recent tree work carried out.

Councillor A Williams advised that he understood that the contractor was presently on holiday and it was his intention to complete the clear up of the site upon his return and Councillor Williams will confirm this.

8.6 Southgate Park

No matters arising.

8.7 Cae Rex Allotments

The Town Clerk spoke to Mr John Withers at the Vale of Glamorgan Council last week who confirmed that the work would be carried out before the end of the month.

8.8 Masonry Walls

The work to the wall at Llanblethian Playing Fields is ongoing and the Town Clerk advised that adverse weather has held up the work.

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

9.1 Application received from M Harding and Sons, Monumental Sculptors for a memorial to be placed on cremation plot B4 (Judith Anne Barnicott).

Item 10: Correspondence.

- 10.1 Letter received from Welsh Assembly Government enclosing a Burial Ground Survey issued by the Home Office. The survey is extensive and covers a variety of topics connected with cemeteries,
The Town Clerk confirmed that the survey for the Limes Cemetery was almost complete and an additional one for Holy Cross Church was also required.

Item 11: Any Other Business

- 11.1 Councillor Mrs G Baty referred to the following:
- The trees to the rear of Longmeadow Court and complaints that she has received from residents. The Town Clerk will follow up the matter to the Environment Agency.
 - The removal of the post box from the old sorting office. Residents have complained that they are finding it inconvenient to walk to the post box on the bridge by Penny Lane and have noted that on occasion it is full to overflowing by 4.30pm. **Recommended** that the Town Clerk write to the sorting office at Llandow.
- 11.2 Councillor Mrs Arnold requested that the Town Clerk write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to confirm when the next maintenance check is due to be carried out on the footbridge between Poplars Park and the Twt Park

Item 12: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday 4th April 2005 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold.
Chairman