

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 5th March 2007 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor A Williams
Vice Chairman – Councillor D W Morris
Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams
Deputy Mayor – Councillor H Ll Morgan (*arrived at start of Item 4*)
Councillors - Mrs M Arnold, A E Banks, Mrs G Baty and Mrs A Burges

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
All members present.

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 5th February 2007.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 20th February 2007.
4.1 To give consideration to the letter received from Creative Rural Communities in respect of Axis Funding.
The following suggestions were made:

- Holy Cross Church – develop as Tourist Attraction e.g. provision of information board, history of the church, develop educational link with local schools.
- Develop the role of young people in Cowbridge – Young People’s Forum, Weekend Facility e.g. internet café with a possible link to creating a drop-in centre for the elderly.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The report was circulated to all members and advised that all equipment was safe to use. The problem of the moss on the safety surfacing will be addressed but is dependent upon the weather.

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

- Power washing has commenced to the paths in the Limes Cemetery and the safety surfacing in the Play Area of the Twt Park (dependent upon weather conditions).

In December, it was agreed that a new mower is purchased, dependent upon sufficient funds being available in this year’s budget. The Town Clerk advised that such funds are available and arrangements will therefore be made for its purchase.

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7.1 Limes Cemetery

i) Boundaries

(a) Members **noted** a copy letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council confirming that the maintenance of the tree line, which formed the original boundary with the school, is the responsibility of the Town Council. This information was confirmed as being correct in a recent communication from the Estates Department on 27th February.

Members agreed that information should be obtained regarding the deeds for Y Bont Faen School from the Land Registry in Swansea.

ii) Sewer

The Town Clerk reported that a meeting is in the process of being arranged with a representative from the Legal Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

7.2 Holy Cross Church Yard.

(a) Floodlighting

Members discussed the advice that has been received from One Voice Wales in connection with the agreement drawn up by Cowbridge Charter Trust and that the simplest solution to the matter would be for the Town Council to supervise the installation of the floodlighting and its cost which would then be recovered in full from Cowbridge Charter Trust. This would mean that an easement is not required and therefore no disposal of land is involved. There would still be an agreement drawn up between the Representative Body and the Town Council covering maintenance, running costs and indemnity to any liability.

Proposed by Councillor H Ll Morgan, seconded by Councillor D W Morris, that the Town Council proceeds with the floodlighting on the basis of the advice received from One Voice Wales and that the agreement prepared by Cowbridge Charter Trust should be amended accordingly.

Recommended as proposed.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold requested that it be recorded that she voted against the proposal.

7.3 Southgate Park

Application was submitted to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for the removal of two willow trees adjacent to the southern boundary of Southgate Park. Since submitting the application, a letter has been received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council advising that it is intended to make a tree preservation order on both the willow trees plus one silver birch and that objections or any other comments about the order must be made within 28 days from the date of receipt.

The Town Clerk advised that Mr Garbett Davies of Blades Landscapes would be looking at the trees this week.

Members **recommend** that a letter is sent to the owner of the adjacent property to advise him of the situation and to allow him to make representations to the Vale of Glamorgan Council if inclined.

7.4 Twt Park

Prior to the meeting, members of the committee discussed the concerns of the Town Council with the project manager from Centregreat Limited. These concerns are a direct result of the current development of the Old Grammar School and include, the state of the verges, movement and parking of vehicles and health and safety implications to users of the footpath and the park.

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7.5

Emms Cottage

Time constraints did not allow for this item to be discussed.

Item 8: C.A.S.H. Grant applications.

Time constraints did not allow for this item to be discussed.

Item 9: Correspondence.

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Received from Vale of Glamorgan Local Biodiversity Partnership

Time constraints prevented the document from being discussed.

Item 10: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

- It was agreed that the boundary between Cae Rex allotments and Y Bont Faen School would be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting to allow members to look at the site.

Item 11: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday 2nd April 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor A Williams

Chairman.