

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 3rd April 2006 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Vice Chairman – Councillor A Williams
Mayor – Councillor Mrs G Baty
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs L Adams
Councillors - Mrs A Burges, R G Jones, H Ll Morgan and D W Morris.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
All committee members present.

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 6th March 2006.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 21st March 2006.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The report was circulated to members. All equipment is safe to use apart from the rollerslide, which requires a minor repair and has been temporarily blocked off.

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

- Mr James is continuing to remove stones and glass along the bank next to the 'lock up' and estimates that there is another weeks digging to be done. As soon as this has been completed a skip will be hired for the stones and glass to be disposed of.
- Recently purchased replacement litterbins have been installed by Mr James. Replacement of the bin opposite the Poplars involved complete removal and replacement of the concrete base. A 'free standing' bin of exactly the same design as those elsewhere in the park has replaced the wall-mounted bin at the Town Mill Road entrance.
- The bins have been the subject of household items being dumped in them including pots and pans and a rusting bicycle frame. This has only recently become a problem and a notice will be placed on the gate advising that they are provided for users of the playing field.

Item 7:

Rolling Programme 2005/2006.

7.1

Limes Cemetery

i) Boundaries

- Councillor Mrs Arnold referred to the boundary of the cemetery where the clematis armandii is planted and the need to restrict its growth over the adjoining boundary wall.
- Members agreed that the Hawthorn hedge along the boundary with the Poplars Park should remain tied for the remainder of the growing season.
- The Town Clerk to pursue the boundary with the school in relation to the strip of land between the security fencing and the tree line.

ii) Sewer

Councillor Mrs Arnold reported on the meeting held with Mr Alan Bosley and Mr Colin Lewis from the Vale of Glamorgan Council. It was agreed that the Vale Council should mark out the exact line of sewer. It was also established that the recommended distance either side of the sewer is set at 3 metres, which will result in a substantial loss of grave space being available. The course of action to repair the defective sewer will require the service of notices on relevant parties and requires prescribed legal procedures being followed, which are governed by time limits and rights of appeal.

Members agreed that the Town Clerk should contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council and establish what progress is being made over the marking out of the sewer and with regard to the position of serving notices on the relevant parties.

iii) Extension to the Limes Cemetery.

The Town Clerk to confirm the situation with the school in respect of access to the extension for grass cutting purposes and establish with the contractor (Edenvale) whether or not he has secured the contract with the school.

iv) 'Lock-Up'.

See correspondence (item 9.1)

7.2

Holy Cross Church Yard.

No matters arising.

Councillor Mrs Arnold drew members' attention to a recent newspaper article, which the Town Clerk circulated to members, for information. The article referred to new laws, which come into force next week and concern artificial light pollution.

Residents distressed by neighbouring artificial light will be able to seek help through their local Environmental Health Department.

7.3

Twt Play Park.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold drew members' attention to the fact that two slats on the bridge leading from Poplars Park into the Twt Park appear to be rotting and that one is already 'holed'.

The Town Clerk confirmed that he has sent a 'Street Care' card to the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding this matter.

Members discussed the problems caused by vehicles cutting up the grass when exiting the Poplars residence.

Recommended that a letter is written to Revd Norman Williams about the matter.

7.4

Llanblethian Playing Fields.

No matters arising other than that referred to in the Amenities Supervisor's Report.

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7.5

Cae Rex Allotments.

Members discussed the boundary fence and considered that it might be appropriate for a C.A.S.H. grant application.

Members agreed that C.A.S.H. grants should be discussed at a separate meeting to be held at 6pm on 2nd May, prior to the next committee meeting.

Item 8: The Limes Cemetery Cowbridge. (Memorial applications.)

8.1

Application for Memorial received from M Harding & Sons for Cremation Plot B16 (R McCulloch).

Approved.

8.2

Application for Memorial received from M Harding & Sons for an additional inscription on Grave No. N54.

Approved.

8.3

Application for Memorial received from M Harding & Sons for Cremation Plot B15 (Hubert Thomas).

Approved.

Item 9: Correspondence.

9.1

Letter received from Mr and Mrs Deaves in respect of the 'lock up' in the Limes Cemetery.

The Town Clerk advised that the letter has been acknowledged and Mr Deaves advised that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is dealing with the matter.

9.2

Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council giving details of the dates for grass cutting under the Rural Communities Grass Cutting Contract for 2006.

Recommended that a letter is sent from the Town Council expressing its concern that two of the dates in March and April fall within the last Financial Year and asking why the cutting season cannot be extended beyond the last given date on 28th August 2006.

Item 10: Any Other Business

10.1

Members discussed the following items:

- Councillor R G Jones mentioned that part of the rear boundary wall at the back of Emms Cottage is falling down.

The Town Clerk will ask Mr James to have a look at the wall. Ownership of the wall will also have to be considered.

- Councillor H Ll Morgan referred to the drain opposite the Town Hall and the covered drainage gullies that run across the pavement and appear to be clogged up.

10.2

Councillor H Ll Morgan referred to the very successful 'Big Screen' film night last Thursday and congratulated the organisers for their efforts, which resulted in the best audience numbers so far.

Item 11: Date and time of next Meeting.

Tuesday 2nd May 2006 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Chairman.