

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 2nd April 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
Councillors - Mrs M Arnold, Mrs G Baty and Mrs A Burges

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor A E Banks

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 5th March 2007.
3.1 Boundary between Cae Rex Allotments and the school. The Town Clerk advised that he has spoken to the Chairman of the Allotments Association who is still waiting for an officer to visit from the Vale of Glamorgan Council to discuss the trees inside the school boundary that adjoins the school.
The footpaths officer was alerted to the problem at the last Footpaths Committee meeting.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 20th March 2007.
No matters arising.

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

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

- Power washing of all the safety surfacing has been completed in the Twt Park to remove the moss. Power washing has also been carried out to the boundary fence and the surface drains.
- Shelving has been erected in the lock up, which will allow easier access into the lockup.
- Southgate Park – loose paving stone has been re-positioned and three of the coping slabs have been fixed back in place.

Item 7: Rolling Programme 2006/2007

7.1 Limes Cemetery

i) Boundaries

The Vale of Glamorgan Council have advised that the small area at the top of the cemetery, which forms a boundary between the cemetery, the school and Poplars Park is not in their ownership. According to their records, it is not part of Poplars Park nor the school. It was agreed that a plan of that specific area is drawn in order to decide on how, if incorporated into the cemetery, the area might best be used to gain future entry into the cemetery as well as allowing access to the sewer head. The tree line, which formed the original boundary with the school, has been examined by tree surgeon Mr Tom Garbett-Davies who will be submitting a report in due course. The Vale Council's records show that the Town Council is responsible for the trees and records obtained by the Town Clerk from Land Registry Wales do not show otherwise.

ii) Sewer

The Town Clerk confirmed that he has arranged for a plan to be drawn of the cemetery in order to establish the likely gain/loss of grave space, taking into account the position of the sewer. This will precede a survey to establish whether alteration of the sewer line itself will be feasible

7.2 Holy Cross Church Yard.

- Work at the churchyard is due to recommence this week.
- The new light that has been provided by Western Power is operational although its effectiveness is restricted because of the Christmas tree, which is still in situ. **Recommended** that the church are requested to remove the tree which besides allowing the grass to grow beneath it will also make it easier for the grass cutting contractor.
- Tree surgeon, Mr Tom Garbett-Davies has examined the trees at the north side of the church and is due to submit a report in due course.

7.3 Southgate Park

(i) New notification received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the proposed Tree Preservation Order (No2) 2007 in respect of two willow trees and a silver birch tree located in Southgate Park. The notice replaces the original, which was defective.

(ii) Letter received from Mr Bird in respect of overhanging trees between his property and Southgate Park. The Town Clerk advised that tree surgeon, Mr Tom Garbett-Davies has looked at the trees and is due to submit a report shortly.

7.4 Twt Park

Members agreed that since their meeting with Mr Daniels from Centregreat, conditions in the Twt Park in association with the development of the Old Grammar School have improved.

7.5 Emms Cottage

No matters arising.

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- Item 8:** **C.A.S.H. Grant applications.**
Costs to be obtained for boundary fencing in the Limes Cemetery, which will involve in excess of 100 metres of fencing.
- Item 9:** **Correspondence.**
9.1 Received from Vale of Glamorgan Local Biodiversity Partnership
Adjourned to next meeting.
- Item 10:** **Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.**
No matters arising.
- Item 11:** **Date and time of next Meeting.**
Tuesday 8th May 2007 at 7.00pm.

Councillor D W Morris
Chairman.