

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 7th April 2008 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance:
Administration Assistant – Mrs Jackie Griffin.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor A E Banks
Andrew Davies – Town Clerk.

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None declared.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 3rd March 2008.
No matters arising.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 18th March 2008.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
5.1 Letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding annual play area inspections. The letter advises of the legal requirements for inspections and advises that:

- Daily/weekly visual inspections, depending on the age and usage of the equipment, to identify hazards caused by vandalism and wear;
- Operational inspections every 1-3 months or as recommended to check operation, stability and wear;
- An independent annual inspection to check on long-term safety levels.

It was confirmed that the Amenity Supervisor carries out a visual daily inspection, the Vale of Glamorgan Council makes a monthly check and an independent company carries out an annual inspection.

It was noted that there is moss on the safety surfacing at Llanblethian Playing Fields and that signs are required for the sites.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.
The Amenity Supervisor's Report was read out and advised of the following:

- The kerb sets around the war graves have been re-laid and headstones have been power washed.
- In the Twt Park, both the metal frames of the benches have been power washed and the timber has been prepared ready for painting.

Item 7: Rolling Programme 2007/2008

7.1 Limes Cemetery

i) Boundaries.

The fencing for the Borough Close boundary is ready and should be installed this month, weather permitting. At the time of installation, an assessment of the bank, which adjoins Poplars Park, will be made.

Councillor A Williams brought to the attention of members a copy of a letter from the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding the sewer in the Limes Cemetery, which is on the agenda for the Finance and General Purposes Committee. As Councillor Williams would be unable to attend the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting, it was agreed that Councillor H Ll-Morgan would represent the Chairman at that meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty, that a costing is obtained to lay flat one of the memorials which has been identified as dangerous in the Limes Cemetery.

Recommended by proposed.

Concern was expressed at the continuing obnoxious smell in Poplars Park where there was a leakage of sewerage recently and it was agreed that the Vale of Glamorgan Council should be advised of the problem.

7.2 Holy Cross Church Yard.

Work to the tower of the church has commenced. Consequently, the re-seeding of the area where the Holm Oak tree stood will be put off until the work is completed (expected to take between 26-36 weeks).

The lilac tree is due to flower but has been covered by the barrier, it was suggested that a request is made to move the barrier to the other side of the tree to allow visitors and parishioners to enjoy the view of the tree.

7.3 Southgate Park

Colin Anstee is to complete a report on the trees on the boundary with the neighbouring property and to contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council regarding any required work.

7.4 Twt Park

Members discussed the bridge between the Twt Park and Poplars Park. There are chipped stones, which could prove to be dangerous, and it has been observed that the decking is rotting on the ends. Members agreed that these issues should be reported to the Vale of Glamorgan Council who is responsible for the maintenance of the bridge.

7.5 Emms Cottage

No matters arising.

7.6 Llanblethian Playing Fields

No matters arising.

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Item 8: Correspondence.

8.1 Play for Wales publication – Spring 2008.
Noted.

Item 9: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

9.1 Members discussed the tree which is leaning across the river into Poplars Park and requested that the matter is followed-up.

9.2 Members discussed the seat on Ddawan Bridge which has been sited directly next to a litter bin and is attracting insects. A number of residents have requested that consideration is given to moving the bin away from the seat.

Item 10: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday 2nd June 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor A Williams
Chairman.