

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 6th April 2009 at 7.00pm.

Present: Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Vice Chairman – Councillor Mrs A Burges
Mayor - Councillor D W Morris
Councillors: A E Banks, Mrs G Baty and A Williams.

In Attendance: Town Clerk – Mr A Davies

- Item 1: Apologies for Absence.**
Councillors J R Harris and Mrs N C Thomas.
- Item 2: Declarations of interests.**
None.
- Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2009.**
No matters arising.
- Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 17th March 2009.**
No matters arising.
- Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.**
The report was circulated and all equipment was shown as being safe for use. Treatment of the moss on the safety surfacing at the Twt Play Park and Llanblethian Playing Fields has been successful and it is gradually being killed off. Treatment will be continued in order to control it.
- Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.**
The Town Clerk reported on the following:
Safety surface areas at the Twt Park and Llanblethian Playing Fields have been treated to kill off the moss using a vinegar and salt solution and this appears to be successful.
A number of bait bags have been used in the graveyard in Holy Cross and will be monitored.
- Item 7: Rolling Programme 2009/2010.**
7.1 Limes Cemetery
i) Boundaries.
The Town Clerk advised that he is waiting for confirmation as to when the report from the Estates Department at the Vale of Glamorgan Council is to be presented to the Cabinet.

Colin Anstee has been approached about the boundary of the extension of the cemetery and is to produce a report.

Item 7: Rolling Programme 2009/2010.

7.1 Limes Cemetery

- ii) To review the rules of the Limes Cemetery in relation to memorials and memorial masons.

Members of the committee considered problems that have arisen at the Limes Cemetery regarding memorials and agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the Memorial Mason involved.

7.2 Holy Cross Church Yard.

- i) Entrance Gate and Railings.
No matters arising.

ii) To consider letter from Holy Cross Church.
The Committee considered a letter received from Holy Cross Church regarding the problems of rats being seen in the churchyard. The Town Clerk confirmed that both he and the Amenities Supervisor have spoken to a representative from the church and suggested action that could be taken to prevent access through the grills into the boiler house. Members of the committee agreed that the situation should be monitored. **Recommended** that the Town Clerk should send a written response to the letter and re-iterate the advice given and to also confirm discussions concerning the cable and the area beneath the tree alongside the path to the Tayton Room, which is to be cleared and grassed.

7.3 Southgate Park

The tree work on the boundary of the park has been completed.

7.4 Twt Park

Centregreat have laid topsoil at the entrance to the Twt Park in readiness for turf to be placed on top.

7.5 Emms Cottage

No matters arising.

7.6 Llanblethian Playing Fields

To consider further information regarding replacement benches. Members considered additional information provided by the Town Clerk. **Recommended** that a three-seated hardwood bench be purchased from Amelia Trust Farm at a cost of £443.48.

The Town Clerk advised members that he has received no response from Mr Garbett-Davies despite a further letter being sent. Members agreed that an alternative contractor should be approached for an assessment of any urgent work that might be required in the autumn.

7.7 Cae Rex Allotments

No matters arising.

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Item 8: Correspondence.

8.1 To consider e-mail received from Creative Rural Communities that gave information about the 'Inspire' Grant scheme that is open to public, voluntary and community organisations located in the Rural Vale. Town Clerk to investigate with Creative Rural Communities whether the scheme might be suitable for the signage in the Twt and Llanblethian Playing Fields.

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

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- (i) To request the Vale of Glamorgan Council to increase the number of bins along the path from Millfield Drive to the school and that they are emptied on a regular basis.
 - (ii) To request new bins on Constitution Hill and along Broadway.
 - (iii) To replace the waste bin in Poplars Park near the bridge leading into the Twt Park.
 - (iii) To advise the Vale of Glamorgan Council that the 8th step of the steps leading down from Cae Rex to Poplars Park is loose.

Item 10: Date and time of next Meeting

Tuesday, 5th May 2009 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Chairman.