

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Tuesday 4th May 2004 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor H W Field
Chairman – Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Mrs J Williams
Councillors - Mrs L Adams, Mrs G Baty and H L Morgan.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillors Mrs S M Cox and A Williams.

Item 2: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 3: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 5th April 2004.
Councillor Mrs M Arnold referred to item 11.1 in respect of the walled garden. An update is to be given before the next Town Council meeting on 20 April, 2004.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 20th April 2004.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
No report available.

The Town Clerk referred to the ‘spring rocker’ at the Twt Play Play and advised members that a ‘cockere’ type is available from Wicksteed Leisure for the sum of £484 (net) and any future parts or accessories would be easily obtainable as the company is UK based.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs J Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs G Baty that a replacement spring rocker is purchased from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd

Resolved as proposed.

The Town Clerk advised members that the independent inspection of the play areas will be carried out in June by R.O.S.P.A.

Item 6: Amenities Supervisor's Report.

The Town Clerk gave the report and highlighted the following areas:

- Limes Cemetery

The mower was broken but has now been repaired and only a minor delay in grass cutting resulted.

- Southgate Park

The bin at the park is insufficient for the litter and it is suggested that an additional bin is purchased.

Members agreed that the Town Clerk should make enquiries through County Borough Supplies for an additional bin to be purchased.

- Llanblethian Playing Fields.

The stone and rubble at the far end of the field has now been removed.

Item 7: Rolling Programme 2003/2004

7.1

Limes Cemetery.

i) Screening of the wall.

The Town Clerk confirmed that the clematis plants are due to be planted this week by Mr James. Once this has been completed, over the summer he will gradually remove some of the stones from the bank and plant some bedding plants with a view to planting perennials for next year. He has drawn up a plan of the area, which can be used to determine a planting scheme.

Members recommend that the Town Clerk should write to the Vale of Glamorgan Council with regard to the sewer, which runs diagonally across the cemetery, to enquire if any works are proposed in the near future.

Members discussed the work, which the Vale had carried out to the trees in Poplars Park, that run parallel with Limes Cemetery. Several of the trees in the cemetery have branches overhanging into the park and members agreed that these require removal.

7.2

Holy Cross Churchyard.

No matters arising.

7.3

Twt Park.

The Town Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Mr Colin Anstee and requested that he proceed with the work for which he had quoted with the exception of the growth which overhangs the Grammar School boundary wall.

Members briefly discussed the masonry wall at the Twt Park and agreed that the new Committee should identify the next stretch of masonry wall for repair after consultation with Mr Jim Jones.

Members agreed that the benches should, weather permitting, be given a coat of wood preservative before the schools break up for the summer. Members also recommended that the Vale of Glamorgan Council be requested to treat those benches in their ownership throughout the area.

7.4

Emms Cottage.

No matters arising.

7.5

Llanblethian Playing Fields/Cae Rex Allotments.

The Town Clerk advised that he has written and emailed Mr Beaman but had not received a response to date but will pursue the matter further.

Members agreed that independent advice should be sought with regard to the trees at Llanblethian Playing Fields.

7.6

Southgate Park.

The Town Clerk confirmed that he has spoken to Mr Colin Anstee with regard to the maintenance of the area. Mr Anstee has advised that the proposed monthly programme would be over an eight-month period rather than twelve and would result in the area being maintained to a far higher standard. Members agreed that the park is now used by a large number of people and that its attractive quality needed to be kept. **Proposed** by Councillor H W Field, seconded by Councillor H L Morgan that maintenance is carried out monthly and that the situation is reviewed in twelve months time.

Recommended as proposed.

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- Item 8: The Limes Cemetery Cowbridge. (Memorial applications.)**
- 8.1 Application received from Edwards Memorials for a memorial to be placed on Grave No111 (Lynette Vanderplank)
Approved.
- 8.2 Application received from Dewi Reynolds and Sons, Monumental Masons for an additional inscription on the headstone in respect of Grave No239 (Llewellyn)
Approved
- Item 9: Consultation Document – Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century.**
Copies of the document have now been circulated to all members of the committee.
The closing date for responses is *13 July 2004*.
- Item 10: Correspondence.**
- 10.1 Association of Burial Authorities Summer 2004 Publication (held by the Town Clerk)
Noted.
- 10.2 Letter received from Mr P Warren in respect of the Exclusive right of Burial issued for Grave No. 132 (Cheryl Anne Williams). Mr Warren requests that a duplicate is issued in his name, as he is unable to obtain the original.
Members discussed the matter at length and agreed that the certificate was correctly issued as advised by the Funeral Director and decided that no further action can be taken unless consent for the transfer of the deed is obtained from the holder and the original deed is surrendered.
Members of the Committee **recommend** that the Town Clerk should write and advise Mr Warren accordingly.
- Item 11. Any Other Business.**
- 11.1 Members discussed the recent dumping of ‘blue’ waste in fields at various locations, which they understand is to be ‘buried’. They are concerned about what period of time is allowed between it being ‘dumped’ and being ‘buried’.
Recommended that the Town Clerk write to the Vale of Glamorgan Environment Health Department.
- Item 12: Date and time of next Meeting.**
Monday 7th June 2004 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Chairman