

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 2nd June 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor - Councillor D W Morris
Deputy Mayor – Councillor J R Harris
Councillors –Mrs M Arnold, A E Banks, Mrs A Burges, Mrs N C Thomas (arrived item 6) and A Williams.

In Attendance: Town Clerk – Mr Andrew Davies

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
Councillor Mrs G Baty

Item 2: Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
Proposed by Councillor A Williams, seconded by Councillor Mrs A Burges, that Councillor Mrs M Arnold be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.
Resolved as proposed.

Proposed by Councillor J R Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs M Arnold, that Councillor Mrs A Burges is appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
Resolved as proposed.

Item 3: Declarations of interests.
None.

Item 4: Matters arising from the Committee meeting held on 7th April 2008.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 22nd April 2008.
No matters arising.

Item 6: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The report was circulated to members and all equipment reported safe to use. The report highlighted some damage to the tube slide and replacement parts will be investigated by the Town Clerk.

Item 7: Amenities Supervisor's Report.
Further cremation plots have been marked out and a programme of refurbishment to the benches in the Twt Park is in the process of taking place.
The lawn mower has been repaired and is now in working order.

Item 8: Rolling Programme 2008/2009

8.1

Limes Cemetery

i) Boundaries.

- The Town Clerk has chased up the Vale of Glamorgan Council in respect of the boundary with Poplars Park and Y Bont Faen School.

Item 8: Rolling Programme 2008/2009

8.1 Limes Cemetery (continued)

- Anstee Landscapes are in the process of fencing along the cemetery boundary with Borough Close and one panel is awaiting fabrication to complete the work.
- Anstee Landscapes is to provide recommendations in respect of the boundary with Poplars Park.

8.2 Holy Cross Church Yard.

i) Entrance Gate and Railings.

The Town Clerk will seek the advice of Nick Lloyd, the Conservation Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council, for the best way forward as phases I and II of the restoration work being carried out at Holy Cross church is likely to take a further eighteen months.

8.3 Southgate Park

No matters arising.

8.4 Twt Park

i) Members considered the letter received from Centre Great Ltd in which the project manager, Mr D Daniels, thanked the Town Council for their cooperation and assistance during the building works, which are taking place at the rear of the Old Grammar School. The two properties adjacent to the Twt Park are due to be completed in June after which access will no longer be necessary, though access will be required at the side until completion which is programmed for the end of August, when the company will undertake the necessary repairs to all areas affected by its works.

Recommended that the letter is acknowledged and that the Town Council looks forward to a speedy rectification of the affected areas to the satisfaction of the Town Council.

8.5 Emms Cottage

No matters arising.

8.6 Llanblethian Playing Fields

The Town Clerk advised that Mr T G Davies has been contacted and is due to give a recommendation in respect of the ash trees.

Item 9: Correspondence.

9.1

Received from Royal Mail/Postwatch in respect of the post-box by Penny Lane which has on occasion been overflowing with mail and clogged up with postage bags.

The letter advised that the situation would be monitored and that any problems should be reported.

Noted.

Members of the committee **recommend** that a letter is sent to 'Postwatch' in respect of the possibility of replacing the post box that was removed when the former sorting office was sold. This would be to provide a posting facility for those who live around Druids Green and Millfield Park areas and especially for residents of Longmeadow Court who find the distance to other post boxes too much.

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Item 9: Correspondence. (continued)

9.2

Letter received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council 'Make Space for Wildlife' enclosing leaflets on the following topics:
Wildflower meadows; birds; hedgerows and trees; insects; ponds; mammals; reptiles; walls and fences; and sustainable gardening.

Members of the committee discussed the 'vegetable' plot which had been provided a number of years ago and suggested that an approach might be made to the school through the Governors, for this to be resurrected and the children encouraged to use it as part of their curriculum.

Item 10: Matters to be discussed at the discretion of the Chairman.

The following matters were discussed:

- Clearance of the footpath and surrounding area and emptying of the rubbish bin between Broadway and Cae Stumpie.
- Bus shelter on Cardiff Road (opposite Geoffrey Ash Court) requires extensive cleaning and the timetable requires updating.
- Follow-up letter to Mr Beaman in relation to grass cutting programme.
- Weeds outside the flats at Cae Stumpie – residents have been complaining. (copy letter in respect of this matter to Vale Councillors for the Cowbridge Ward).

Item 11: Date and time of next Meeting.

Monday, 7th July 2008 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold
Chairman.