

Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Leisure & Amenities Committee
held in the Council Chamber, Cowbridge Town Hall,
on Monday 5th July 2004 at 7.00pm.

Present: Mayor – Councillor Mrs S M Cox
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Mrs G Baty
Councillors - Mrs L Adams, Mrs M Arnold, H L Morgan and A Williams.

In Attendance:
Town Clerk - Andrew Davies.

Item 1: Apologies for Absence.
All members present

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

Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor Mrs L Adams, that Councillor A Williams be 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 June 2004.
No matters arising.

Item 5: Matters arising from the Full Council meeting held on 23rd June 2004.
No matters arising.

Item 6: Playground Equipment Maintenance Report.
The report was circulated to all members and all equipment is safe to use. The Town clerk advised that he had received a verbal quotation from Mr Byron Evans to install the replacement rocker that is on order from Wicksteed. The price will also include replacement of the safety surfacing at the location of the original rocker and making good the safety surfacing after the new one has been installed.

Item 7: Amenities Supervisor's Report.
The report was given by the Town Clerk.

- The new mower has been purchased and is in use and has improved the grass cutting at the cemetery. The mower is easier and quicker to use and gives a far better finish.
- Branches blown down by the wind in the cemetery and Southgate Park have been dealt with.

Item 8: Rolling Programme 2004/2005

8.1 Limes Cemetery.

Members discussed the Limes Cemetery and agreed that the following matters should be placed on future agendas:

- i) Boundaries.
- ii) Sewer.
- iii) fence and extension.
- iv) Additional Water supply.
- v) trees.

8.2 Holy Cross Churchyard.

- Members agreed to enquiries continuing with regard to funding for the possibility of a future survey being carried out.
- Members recommend that a letter should be sent to the owner of the Old Grammar School to express the Town Council's concern about the wall between the Fives Court and the churchyard which has a large crack in it and requires attention.

8.3 Twt Park.

Members discussed the trees, which over hang the park from the Old Grammar School site and particularly the copper beech and oak. Members recommend that a letter should be sent to the owner to express the concerns of the Town Council.

The committee agreed that any work due to be carried out by Mr Colin Anstee to both the park and the entrance to the park should take place during the Autumn and that the Town Clerk should write to him and advise him of the committee's wishes.

8.4 Emms Cottage.

No matters arising.

8.5 Llanblethian Playing Fields

Members agreed that the grass cutting being carried out by the new contractor is very good and the trees with the playing fields are the next priority for the committee to consider.

8.6 Southgate Park

Colin Anstee has completed the first visit.

8.7 Cae Rex Allotments

The Town Clerk confirmed that an order has been sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council for the tree work to be carried out on the boundary but that prior to it being carried out, a meeting would be held with the allotment management Committee.

Members discussed the fencing on the boundary of the allotments and agreed that consideration should be given to its improvement once details of the lease have been checked.

8.8 Masonry Walls

Members agreed that advice should be sought from Andrew James Partnership as to the next part of the Walls to be tackled.

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Item 9: The Limes Cemetery Cowbridge. (Memorial applications.)
None.

Item 10: Consultation Document – Burial Law and Policy in the 21st Century.
Members discussed the matter and agreed that there were no matters to respond to in the document. The closing date for responses is 13th July 2004.
Proposed by Councillor Mrs G Baty, seconded by Councillor H L Morgan to acknowledge the document and to advise that the Town Council has no observations to make on the document.
Resolved as proposed.

Item 11: Correspondence.
None.

Item 12. Any Other Business

Members discussed the following matters:

12.1 The Cattle Market

- i) The overflowing skip at the cattle market.
 - ii) The continued use of the toilets at the cattle market.
- The Town Clerk will pursue both matters.

12.2 Councillor Mrs S M Cox referred to 'Urban Art' which is a new initiative being developed in the Vale of Glamorgan which may be worth giving consideration to in the future. The Twt Park might be a suitable location on the boundary with the footpath once the work at the Old Grammar School is complete.

12.3 Councillor Mrs M Arnold referred to a tree on the boundary of the school with the allotments, which appears to be dead and which she will draw to the attention of Mr Ed Baker, the tree officer at the Vale of the Glamorgan Council.

It was agreed that once the Committee is up to full strength, that the members should visit the sites for which the Town Council and the Leisure and Amenities is responsible.

Item 13: Date and time of next Meeting.
Monday 6th September 2004 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Mrs M Arnold.
Chairman